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Israeli military bases for W. Bank

TEL AVIV, April 11 (R) — Israel is constructing new military installations in the occupied West Bank to replace some of those handed over to Egypt on the evacuation of Sinai, according to military sources.

The sources told Israeli journalists during a tour of the West Bank earlier this week that the withdrawal from Sinai and the current Israeli-Egyptian-American negotiations on Palestinian autonomy served as a catalyst for the construction program.

The reports, which appeared Friday in the Israeli press, said about three billion Israeli pounds (about \$75 million) will be spent in the initial phase, which includes building camps, roads and a communications network.

A communications station and an approach road are now under construction on Mount Eyal, just outside Nablus, the West Bank's largest town, the sources told reporters.

To replace other sites in the Sinai, which under the Camp David agreement is being turned back to Egypt, Israel is building new bases, including airfields in its southern Negev desert.

The future status of the West Bank is in sharp dispute between Israel and the Arabs. Israel insists on retaining freedom of movement for its troops even after self-rule goes into effect, while the Egyptians wholly reject the idea.

The Palestinians are opposed to the autonomy talks and are not participating in the talks, saying that Israel, Egypt and the U.S. are not competent to determine their future.

Meanwhile the Israeli military government on the West Bank has confiscated 80 hectares of fields belonging to the villagers of Kafr Malek and Al-Mughir, it was reported here Friday.

The land, seized on Tuesday, was said to be among the most fertile in the Ramallah region. The military governor, the report said, had asked the village chiefs to tell the owners they no longer had cultivation rights but could request compensation from the military government.

OPEC members to discuss strategy in Taif

VIENNA, April 11 (R) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries announced Friday that the 13 OPEC oil ministers will meet at Taif, Saudi Arabia, on May 7 to discuss the organization's long-term strategy.

Spokesman Hamid Zaheri said the special meeting had been expected following completion of a two-year OPEC study on long-term goals.

A six-nation OPEC Strategy Committee has been meeting since 1978 to discuss policy issues such as linking oil prices to inflation, problems caused by currency fluctuations and the connection between oil supplies and industrial growth.

The last meeting of the Strategy Committee, attended by the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Kuwait, Venezuela and Iraq and the governor of Iran's Central Bank, was held in London in February.

Zaheri said he was announcing plans for the Taif meeting on behalf of OPEC's deputy secretary-general, Dadih Jafar al-Chalabi.

There would be no discussion at Taif on short-term issues such as OPEC's failure to fix a current single price for oil.

The Strategy Committee has proposed automatic price rises every three months, according to OPEC sources in Kuwait.

The Taif meeting will consider a report prepared at the London Strategy Committee session.



ANTI-SADAT PROTEST: Protestors in Washington's Dupont Circle protest the visit of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat. Sadat met President Carter on the future of Israeli-occupied Arab lands.

Sadat returns from Washington

Egypt awaiting Carter-Begin talks

CAIRO, April 11 (Agencies) — Egypt awaits the outcome of next week's talks in Washington between President Jimmy Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin before making any move concerning the deadlocked negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

Official sources here said Sadat had clearly explained Egyptian views on the issue to Carter and the next step depended on results of the Carter-Begin discussions.

Sadat returned Friday from Washington after intensive talks with Carter in an attempt to accelerate the 10-month-old autonomy talks which should be completed by May 26, as stipulated in the Camp David Middle East accords of 1978.

Egypt and Israel disagree on almost every major issue concerning autonomy for 1.5 million Palestinians on the River Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip, occupied by the Zionist state since the 1967 Middle East war.

Israel is firmly opposed to Egyptian demands that an autonomous Palestinian council in the two regions should be granted wide powers.

The Palestinians are boycotting the autonomy discussions saying that Egypt, Israel and

the U.S. are not competent to determine their future.

Sadat, who blamed Israel for the present stalemate of the autonomy talks but he said he was prepared to be flexible over the target date of May 26 and that it would not matter if one or two problems still remained to be solved afterward.

The remark indicated that Sadat was looking to Carter to find a compromise from Begin.

The Egyptian leader also said he was prepared to attend a new three-way summit with Carter and Begin if necessary.

But Israel has already hinted it was not ready to make any new promises in the autonomy negotiations.

In its meeting on Sunday, the Israeli cabinet has instructed Begin to strictly adhere to the terms of the Camp David accords during his talks with Carter.

This means the Israeli leader will not be prepared to discuss the issue of building Jewish settlements on occupied Palestinian territories or Jerusalem.

Egypt maintains that building settlements is a flagrant violation of Camp David agreements and that East Arab Jerusalem is an

integral part of the West Bank.

Sadat, in another indication of relying on the U.S. to prod Israel to change its stand, said he had agreed that the autonomy negotiations be switched to Washington later this month.

The U.S. proposed the talks be held in its capital from April 28 and continue until a breakthrough was achieved, but Israel is apparently reluctant to accept the suggestion.

Sadat accused Israel Friday of failing to act in the spirit of peace and said it was inviting violence by continuing to build settlements on occupied Arab land.

In a speech after two days of talks with Carter, Sadat reserved to Israel's policy on keeping Jerusalem united as a cover for expansion and denial of rights.

He also said that in a final settlement Palestinians must be given self-determination, a diplomatic code word for a Palestinian state, and any Israeli attempt to prolong control over the occupied territories was doomed to fail.

His remarks, prepared for delivery at the National Press Club, were made on the eve of what are expected to be intensified Israeli-Egyptian talks on bringing about Palestinian self-rule.

Sadat said Egypt had fulfilled all its obligations under the March, 1979 peace treaty with Israel in a spirit of generosity and ahead of schedule.

"We were never stopped by trivialities and minor matters. This spirit remains to be reciprocated," Sadat said.

He said there was an urgent need for Israel to carry out confidence-building measures toward Palestinians, including freeing political prisoners, lifting restrictions on political activities and reuniting families.

Palestinians have boycotted the talks since their inception in May, 1979 and Sadat said the confidence-building measures, promised by Israel more than a year ago, would create an atmosphere of trust and cooperation.

"The goal is to attract the Palestinians to the peace process. In short, their participation is crucial," he said.

He attacked Israel's policies on settlements and Jerusalem as leading to the opposite result.

U.S. plan envisaged Palestine state

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 11 — As long ago as last summer, the Carter administration circulated a proposed draft resolution designed to replace U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and to recognize the Palestinian's right to an independent state, *Arab News* has learned.

The draft resolution, which was shown to Britain's Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and finally Palestine Liberation Organization's chairman Yasser Arafat, was apparently shelved for the time being when Arafat disagreed with a clause calling for Israel and the PLO to exchange mutual recognition.

Sources here believe, however, that the resolution — or some form of it — may yet be revived, perhaps under British sponsorship.

The substitute resolution was drafted by Yale University Professor Colin Williams at the request of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, informed sources said.

Vance and President Carter's National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski approved Williams' draft, and then sent it to Lord Carrington, who also agreed with its wording, according to the sources.

The draft was also shown to Kreisky, who passed it to Arafat during their meeting in Vienna last summer.

The PLO leader approved of much of the draft's wording, but said he could not accept the mutual recognition clause, sources said.

At that point, the U.S. apparently decided to shelve the draft resolution for the time being.

Muslims kill 10 Soviet advisers, 400 Afghan soldiers

NEW DELHI, April 11 (Agencies) — Afghan freedom fighters killed 10 Soviet military officers and captured about 400 Afghan soldiers in Kunar province, eastern Afghanistan, Radio Pakistan reported.

The radio quoted reports from Afghanistan saying that the Muslims fighting the Soviet-installed regime in Kabul, also captured semi-automatic weapons in the clash. It did not give Muslim casualties or say when the incident occurred.

In another battle in the western province of Herat, Radio Pakistan said the insurgents inflicted "heavy casualties" on the Russians.

Further details were not immediately available and the reports could not be independently confirmed.

The broadcast followed a report from Kabul that Afghan Muslims killed a dozen Russian soldiers and captured 31 in a raid against a Soviet troop unit east of Kabul last Sunday.

A traveller from Afghanistan quoting visitors to the scene of the raid at Sirobi, 75 kilometers east of Kabul, said the Muslims had escaped with the prisoners.

The traveller, who asked not to be identified, said the main east-west road linking Kabul with Pakistan via the Kabul gorge and the Khyber Pass has been closed to traffic since last Sunday, the day of the raid.

The news of the clashes followed other reports received here of reverses suffered by Afghan forces and their Soviet allies.

In separate incidents reported last week, Afghan insurgents — killed more than 200 Russian soldiers and three officers in fighting near Ghazni, 160 kilometers southwest of the capital, according to a Kabul source that has proved reliable in the past.

Gunned down two government helicopters in Muslim controlled Logar province south of Kabul and two others last Friday at Ghazni.

The four downed helicopters were in addition to a fifth that Radio Pakistan said was shot down in Kunar province, killing two Soviet generals and other top officers.

Last Thursday about 400 Afghan officers deserted their Soviet armored and aerial support to join the Muslims, the Kabul report continued.

Meanwhile, Radio Kabul said Afghan authorities have crushed "foreign agents" in the northern province of Baglan and captured large quantities of arms and ammunition from them.

Meanwhile, the West's "exaggerated" reaction to events in Afghanistan was balanced this week by meetings in New Delhi.

Another 21 percent professed no opinion compared to 16 percent four years ago.

The poll was taken following an outcry in France by Jewish and other pro-Israeli groups after President Valery Giscard d'Estaing recently called for Palestinian self-determination and participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in possible Middle East peace talks.

The poll showed that half the French agreed with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's statement, including a call for secure and recognized borders for Israel. Some 17 percent disagreed with the President's ideas, while 33 percent professed no opinion.

Israel maintains troops in Lebanon

Security Council meeting requested

BEIRUT, April 11 (R) — Israel Friday maintained an occupation force several kilometers inside Lebanon as the Beirut government called for an urgent U.N. Security Council meeting on the Israeli incursion.

Western diplomatic sources here said Israel spent most of Thursday reinforcing the positions seized on Wednesday when troops and tanks pushed across the border.

Thursday night, Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros said he had asked for urgent Security Council talks on the situation in southern Lebanon resulting from Israeli aggression.

He accused Israel of violating U.N. resolutions and Lebanese sovereignty in moving an estimated 350 troops with tanks and armored personnel carriers into war-scarred south Lebanon.

In a letter to the president of the Security Council, Ambassador Ghassan Tuani of Lebanon asked for a council meeting "at your earliest possible convenience."

Tuani's letter said Lebanon sought the meeting "to put an end to Israeli aggression" but did not specify any specific measures to be taken.

Tuani reported "massive and continuing deployment of troops, tanks, armored cars, etc., as well as air reconnaissance flights" into southern Lebanon in sectors patrolled by U.N. peacekeeping forces.

The U.N. force, officially called the U.N. interim force in Lebanon, or UNIFIL, established in March 1978 to monitor the withdrawal of Israeli troops from southern Lebanon at that time.

Tuani said Lebanon seeks the full deployment of the U.N. force to establish "the objective condition for peace and security in the border area."

He said that when Israel withdrew in June 1978 it left behind a "surrogate occupation." This referred to the Israeli-backed Lebanese Christian militia which operates in the area and bars the U.N. peacekeepers from parts of the border area.

Tuani paid tribute to the U.N. force and said attacks and harassment to which it has been subjected are "criminal, scandalous and inadmissible."

Tuani announced earlier he had made an oral request for a meeting after discussing the situation with the council president, Mexican Ambassador Porfirio Munoz Ledo.

The U.S. State Department expressed concern that the movement of Israeli troops into southern Lebanon could raise tensions in the area, and said it did not know what Israel's ultimate intentions were.

Department spokesman David Passage said the United States was talking with various nations in the area, including Israel and Syria, about what he termed Israel's incursion.

U.N. forces attacked by rightists

BEIRUT, April 11 (R) — Senior United Nations peacekeeping force officials came under fire Friday in south Lebanon on their way to a village where U.N. troops are locked in a confrontation with rightist militiamen, diplomatic sources reported.

They said the officials were in an armored personnel carrier when they were fired on from rightist positions near the village of Al-Tiri, in the Irish sector of the U.N. peace-keeping zone. There were no reports of casualties.

Controlled fire was returned by Irish troops, the sources added.

An international force of 200 men and 12 personnel carriers is surrounding Al-Tiri after clashes earlier this week with Israeli-backed rightist militiamen in which three Irish soldiers were wounded and nine taken hostage, although later released.

Thousands cheer as Iran hints war

TEHRAN, April 11 (R) — Several hundred thousand people cheered President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr Friday when he said he could not prevent Iranian forces from entering Iraq to repel any attacks from Baghdad's troops.

"If Iraqi soldiers attack us, then the Iranian soldiers and revolutionary guards will repel them and will certainly follow them inside enemy territory. I cannot stop it," the president told a vast rally at Tehran University.

The rally has called to demonstrate national unity against the United States.

Jordan premier to arrive Sunday

JEDDAH, April 11 (SPA) — Jordan Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf will arrive here Sunday to meet with Saudi Arabian leaders about various issues of common interest between the two countries.

Jordanian Ambassador Tharwat Al Talhouni Friday told *Arab News* the prime minister will be accompanied by two other Jordanian officials: Marwan Qasim, minister of state for foreign affairs, and Ali Al Subaimat, minister of transportation.

Al Talhouni said the meetings will be a "continuation of consultations between the leaders of the two countries with a view toward coordinating policy and positions."

Sharaf is expected to spend two days in the Kingdom.

which broke diplomatic relations with Tehran earlier this week, and Iraq.

Bani-Sadr said he had rejected three Iraqi approaches for talks on the bitter disputes between Baghdad and Tehran, adding he would never side with the government of President Saddam Hussein against the Iraqi people.

Millions of Iranians demonstrated throughout the country in a gesture of defiance over President Jimmy Carter's decision to break diplomatic relations because of the continued holding of 49 Americans at the occupied U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Bani-Sadr's warning to Iraq was delivered as further reports came at minor clashes around the tense border area in Kermanshah province, western Iran. Pars reported that raiders from Iraq launched a rocket attack on the Iranian border village of Sarpol-E-Zahab early Friday, destroying two buses.

Pars said revolutionary guards and regular troops returned the fire, but it did not mention casualties.

Farther south in the major oil city of Badan, revolutionary guards said a bomb exploded at a water purification plant. They said they defused another device at the plant.

Iran has consistently blamed Baghdad for such attacks by Arab separatists. The head of the Naft-Egashahr border oil complex in Kermanshah province said that the army had agreed to guard the field's five wells after some installations were damaged in a rocket attack earlier this week.

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Social, cultural support asked

E.African appeals to Muslims

LONDON, April 11 (AFP) — During an international conference here on Muslim minorities, the representative for Muslims in East Africa Ahmed Abdullah asked that support be given to his people on the social and cultural planes so as to enable them to resist the inroads made by Christian missionaries.

Abdullah said that the idea that Islam was progressing in his area was "a myth," indicating that in fact it was the Christian missionaries who were gaining ground because of their effective social work and notably the setting up of hospitals and schools.

Wednesday night, the representative of India's Muslim minority, Member of Parlia-

ment Suleiman Seit, charged that the present tension in the state of Nassam was due to discrimination at large against Muslims in India.

Recalling that 12 per cent of India's population were of the Islamic faith, Seit charged that an overwhelming majority of Indian Muslims were paupers by comparison with their non-Muslim compatriots as a result.

Speaking for Yugoslavia's Muslims, Ahmed Smajlovic declared in his part that Yugoslav Muslims were increasingly "Christianized" in his country and notably the urban dwellers but said their living standard was the same as that of the other Yugoslav citizens.

King Khaled's support reaffirmed

Prince accepts U.N. position

UNITED NATIONS, April 11 (SPA) — Prince Talal Thursday expressed pleasure at shouldering the responsibilities of his new job as Assistant General Secretary of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

Prince Talal denied reports that his permanent office would be in New York and said his base would be in Riyadh, but he added that the nature of the job required extensive travel to many countries as a representative of UNICEF.

He reaffirmed King Khaled's support of international organizations such as UNICEF. Sir James Grant, UNICEF's executive

director, described Prince Talal's election to the post as a "great opportunity" to promote UNICEF's programs in the world, especially in the Middle East.

He said Prince Talal's work would be to provide UNICEF with consultation and advice to promote its programs and activities.

Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires, Sheikh Jaafar Al Lalquani, hosted a lunch in honor of the prince's arrival. The reception was attended by Arab ambassadors, senior officials of UNICEF and heads of Arab and Islamic organizations.

Prince Talal left Riyadh Tuesday to assume his new U.N. post.

Chatti discusses Islamic problems

JEDDAH, April 11 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Majed Tuesday reviewed Islamic problems with Habib Chatti,

secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. The talks dealt with the worldwide role of the OIC.

Tunis mayor honored in Jeddah

JEDDAH, April 11 (SPA) — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi Wednesday night gave a dinner on the honor of Dr. Saleh Awij, mayor of Tunis. Dr. Awij is here on a visit to the Kingdom.

The Tunisian official Wednesday visited the Municipality of Jeddah and some of its branches, and inspected its chief projects, those which has been completed and ones still under construction.

Nutrition institute recommended

MANAMA, April 11 (SPA) — The first Gulf scientific seminar on nutrition recommended the establishment of a regional nutrition institute with the chief objectives research, and regional nutrition training session.

During its final session of the six-day meetings, the seminar recommended improving school curricula to contain nutrition educa-

tion. It called for formation of a regional council for food control.

The seminar implored Gulf states to issue common sanctions for production, import, storing and dealing in foodstuffs and children's dairy products.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, the UAE, Oman and Bahrain took part in the seminar.

Saudi Comment

By Adnan Kamel Salah
Al Medina

A friend told me a story he heard from someone who bought shares in the Saudi-American Bank even before they were circulated on the market. He signed agreements with a number of friends not interested in purchasing the bank's shares.

Under the agreement, the man concerned was to purchase the shares upon their circulation. Now that these are on sale, the number of shares allocated to these persons will automatically go to the man concerned at the same price. Through this transaction, he bought and sold the shares for himself before the shares were actually put on sale.

When asked how many shares he wanted, he said he wished to get between 100 and 200 shares only, at a price ranging from SR10,000 to SR20,000. What led him to this complicated transaction is the system of shares allocation followed in the nationalized banks, in which someone asking for 200 shares gets only 12 while another seeking 100 receives 10 or so. The man, therefore, thought that he will have collected at least 200 shares if each of his 20 friends get 10 shares.

I don't think what he did can be considered as fraud, but he has certainly played tricks against a system incapable of distributing shares among a large majority of small shareholders in a satisfactory manner. Although a number of banks have recently put their shares on public sale, the result has been that no petty shareholder has been able to get more than 10, 12 or 20 shares.

The National Commercial Bank is to follow the Saudi-American Bank in floating shares for the public, but it is not clear whether these will really correspond to the needs of small investors. It is, therefore, hoped that there will be a new system that should allocate a minimum reasonable limit of shares for a subscriber, say 100 shares for SR10,000. This system will compensate those who get only 10 to 12 shares in other banks.

The drawback of the system is that it gives huge shares to a handful of founding members while the small subscribers are not even assigned a reasonable minimum. The practice is, therefore, incongruous with the spirit of the system laid down by the state for the benefit of a big majority of small investors. Can such a situation be possibly avoided?



COOPERATION: The Arab Investment Company, in its plan for cooperation with the private sector in the Arab world and particularly in Saudi Arabia, is holding meetings with Saudi Arabian businessmen. The first meetings were held in the Eastern Province, the second in Jeddah's Candara Palace hotel last week. The reception was given by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Abdullah Al-Sulaiman, who welcomed the idea of cooperating with the Arab Investment Company. Abdul Rahman Al-Sae, director general of the Arab Investment Company, other officials of the company and Saudi Arabian businessmen attended the reception. Sheikh Al-Sulaiman, center, welcomes businessmen in the Western Region.

Senator checks in at Dhahran

By Gregory Llewellyn

DHAHRAN, April 11 — Senator Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) made a stopover in Dhahran as part of his fact-finding mission in the Middle East.

Within hours of checking into Dhahran's Marriott Hotel, the junior senator from New Jersey was off to Iraq for consultation with officials there.

Bradley is making his trip at the request of Sen. "Scoop" Jackson (D-Wash.) chairman of the senate committee on energy

and natural resources on which the New Jersey democrat, elected to the Senate in 1978, is the most junior member.

One of the committee's present concerns is the geopolitics of energy and its relation to national security, Committee Chief Counsel Michael Harvey, told *Arab News* in Dhahran.

Harvey is accompanying Bradley on the senator's first trip to Saudi Arabia.

Bradley is scheduled to meet with Saudi officials in Riyadh before returning to the U.S. April 14.

SIC to open Tabuk office

RIYADH, April 11 (SPA) — The Social Insurance Corporation will open an office in Tabuk beginning in the May to collect subscriptions from employers in the area of Tabuk, Jof and Qarayat starting this month.

The director of the Social Insurance Corporation, Muzaid Muhammad Al-Sinani, Tuesday said the opening of the Tabuk office is part of the corporation's policy to open

branch offices throughout the country.

The corporation informed employers in areas served by the new office to supply the necessary information concerning them and their employees.

The corporation has 10 offices throughout the Kingdom. The four main offices are located in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam and Abha. There are branch offices in Mecca, Medina, Hama, Qasim, Jubail and Tabuk.

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240,000 gallon production cited Yanbu desalination to begin

JEDDAH, April 11 (SPA) — Total production for the Yanbu desalination project's first phase is projected at 240,000 gallons of fresh drinking water. Production is to begin after 18 months, with a capacity of 120,000 gallons for each phase.

The capacity of the Yanbu-Medina Desalination Project will be 25 million gallons of water. Yanbu will receive five million gallons and the rest will be given to Medina. The Yanbu-Medina Desalination Project is to begin operations in November. The project will also produce 250,000 kilowatts of electric power.

The deputy governor of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation, Isam Jamjoom, visited the projects Thursday and inspected the projects underway.

Saline water desalination is a major concern of officials in the Kingdom as a result of the scarcity of fresh water. The consequence of the concern has been that desalination programs have been the targets of many efforts.

In March, 1979, King Khaled turned the value to release the first gushes of water from the Jeddah III desalination plant. At the time, the \$400 million plant more than doubled Jeddah's supply of water. Since then efforts by the Director of Water and Agriculture in the Western Province have brought about a supply of water to the entire city. As

recently as one month, earlier Jeddah Water Works had to alternate the pumping of water to half of the city at a time.

Jeddah III was built for the Saline Water Conversion Corporation by a consortium headed by Kraftwerk Union AF of West Germany, and provides 23 million gallons of water a day.

In addition Jeddah IV is underway. Upon its completion, Jeddah IV will bring 85 million gallons of water to the city. According to Assad Jamjoom, the water works director, this is to fulfill the needs of the people in their daily requirements as well as provide a water base for the growing industries.

The Eastern Province has its taste geared up for the desalinated water also. In April, 1979, King Khaled also ratified plans for a major project supplying water to Dammam, Al-Khobar and Dhahran and smaller towns in the Eastern Province.

The Al-Khobar II desalination project will provide 60 million gallons a day of water and 750 megawatts of power. The onset of desalinated water will not only relieve the Kingdom's inhabitants of their thirst, but will permit water taken from Wadis and routed to the cities to be returned to agricultural uses.

Presently, the water received by Jeddah is partly from Wadi Fatinah and Wadi Khudays. The remainder is supplied by the desalination factory.

1 million ton-a-year agreement Kingdom, Japan sign LPG contract

JEDDAH, April 11 (Agencies) — Three Japanese commercial houses and one oil company have concluded separate contracts with Saudi Arabia for imports of liquefied petroleum gas totaling 1 million tons a year, or seven per cent of Japan's total LPG demand, domestic oil industry sources said Thursday.

Under the agreements reached recently in the Kingdom, Mitsubishi Corp. Mitsui and Co., C. Inoh and Co. and Nippon Oil each will import 200,000 to 250,000 tons of LPG a year during the next five years, starting next month, from Petromin, the sources said.

Each of the four Japanese companies, the second group to conclude an LPG deal with Saudi Arabia, also signed to purchase 200,000 tons of natural gas liquid (NGL) per year, also beginning in May, they said.

Japan depends on foreign countries for 10 million tons, nearly 70 per cent, of its total demands for the oil product, and domestic industry leaders had been worried over a recent announcement by Kuwait, the world's second largest LPG producer after the Kingdom, that it would curtail 500,000 tons of its shipment to Japan a year, starting this month.

Last week, Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher disclosed the first long-term supply contract from Petromin LPG was signed with Dow Chemical Company. In all, Petromin is expected to sign at least 30 contracts in addition to those signed with Dow and the Japanese group.

Petromin's overall export revenue for 1980 will be well more than \$13 billion, compared to the \$250 million the company earned from exports six years ago.

The growth of the company's crude oil exports alone in the last 18 months has tripled to 1.4 million barrels a day, Taher said, and the future of the Saudinized Aramco will have an equally expansive role.

Nasr belts Hilal for soccer shield

By Munir Muhammad

JEDDAH, April 11 — After playing the underdog for three years, Nasr snatched the shield of the soccer league in Riyadh Thursday after beating Hilal 2-0. Nasr lost the soccer league shield for three years straight at the final match — twice against Hilal and once against Abhi.

Nasr's performance in Thursday's game clearly showed the determination of its members to win the shield. Cutting the passes between Hilal's players, a plan adopted by Nasr proved effective in tying Rivelino and Imam, Hilal's spearheads.

Hilal was surprised by the counter action of Nasr and its collective play, which hardly gave Hilal a chance to play. Majed Abdullah, Nasr's striker, scored the first goal 13 minutes into the first half from a ball raised by Saad Al-Sadhan. Majed kicked the ball into the

net while Ibrahim Al-Yousef, Hilal's goalkeeper, struggled for a block.

Majed left the field suffering from a leg injury in the 32nd minute, and Louis Alberto, a Brazilian took his place. Majed's absence became obvious as several goal opportunities were lost. However, Hilal's breath of relief was not long lived. Nasr continued its tight coverage of Rivelino and his colleagues.

Nasr's Sadhan saved his team from a goal that came through Fahd Habashi of Hilal and went past Mabrouk Al-Turki, Nasr's goal keeper. In the 40th minute, Rivelino was given a yellow card for hitting Nasr's Louis in the eye.

After dominating 32 minutes of the second half, Nasr's pressure paid off, resulting in the second goal. From a corner raised by Darwish, Louis covered the many opportunities he had lost by netting a header. Al-Yousef's untimely absence from his goal cost his team much.

The match ended still with the domination of Nasr apart from rare Hilal attacks.

After the end of the match, Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, the president of the youth welfare, handed the shield to Tawfiq Al-Miqran, Nasr's captain, and the members of his team received golden medals. Hilal's players received silver medals for their second place.

The match was attended by Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, deputy minister of labor and social affairs and vice president of the Saudi Arabian Football federation.

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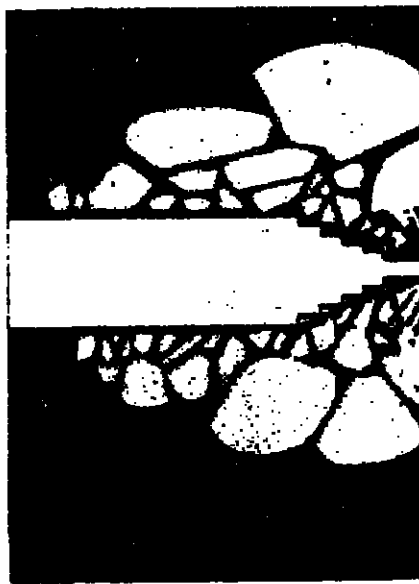
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The Grundomat, a device already in use in Europe and America, looks like a torpedo trailing a pressure hose. An air hammer inside pounds the chisel-like nose into the soil or rock, with the momentum moving it forward. The earth in the hole is not removed, but is compacted around the sides.

The Grundomat can dig through as much as 25 meters of earth. It travels at a rate of up

to 20 meters an hour, depending on the compactness of the soil.

To lay a pipe under a street, a hole measuring two-and-a-half meters in length would have to be dug on each side. The Grundomat would be lowered into one hole, and aimed at the other using a sighting device and a surveyor's pole. A starting cradle keeps the machine aligned until it has bored into the soil, which then keeps it on course. The machine can be aimed carefully enough to hit the surveyor's pole when it emerges at the other end.

The first length of pipe is inserted into the protective flange at the rear of the Grundomat. It is pulled along and, as it is about to disappear, another section is attached. At present, pipes of up to eight inches diameter can be laid by the Grundomat.

Tracto-Technik of Germany, which makes the device, is now working on an adapting device that will allow the eight-inch Grundomat to lay a 16-inch pipe.

Alzaid Corporation of Al-Khobar, the exclusive Saudi and Gulf dealer of the Grundomat, expects to begin marketing the machine to contractors within a month. The company already has invitations to demonstrate the device from several municipalities.

BRIEFS

MURAT, April 11 (SPA) — Minister of Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Sheikh Friday dedicated the new building for Murat court and its branches. He inspected the divisions of court, which comprise 26 rooms for the counter and justice writers.

JEDDAH, April 11 (SPA) — Tunisian Interior Minister Idris Oquah Thursday left here for his country after a week-long visit to the Kingdom, during which he signed a security agreement with Saudi Arabia. Oquah had talks with Prince Naif, the minister of interior, the talks concentrated on security cooperation between the two countries.

DAMMAM, April 11 (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad Jamal El Din Al-Fandi Tuesday will give a lecture entitled "Koran and Science" at the lecture hall of the Faculty of Medicine and Sciences in King Faisal University of Dammam. Dr. Fandi is the director of the meteorological department of the Meteorology and Studies of Dry regions Institute of King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah.

JEDDAH, April 11 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi will open May 23 the National Industries Exhibition at Jeddah International Exhibition Center. The exhibition will feature various types of locally manufactured items. Invitations were addressed to a large number of Saudi and foreign personalities to acquaint them with the quality of Saudi industrialized goods.

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PLO mediation sought

Karmal seeking better ties with Iran, Pakistan

BEIRUT, April 11 (Agencies) — Afghanistan's Soviet-backed regime President Babrak Karmal has asked Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to use his good offices to improve Afghan relations with neighboring Pakistan and Iran, PLO sources reported Thursday.

They said Karmal made his request in a letter delivered by Afghan Foreign Minister Muhammad Shah Dosset during a quick visit he made to Beirut Wednesday.

Karmal also invited Arafat for an official visit to Afghanistan and the PLO chairman promised to set the date for it soon, the sources added.

In his talks with Arafat, the sources said, Dosset suggested that the PLO help alleviate strained relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan and Iran.

Dosset also asked Arafat to use his good offices to ensure the Karmal government would be invited to an Islamic foreign ministers conference scheduled for May 14 in

Islamabad.

The majority of conference participants is known to be hostile to the Karmal regime and to be seeking an early end to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

On Thursday Dosset arrived in Damascus from Beirut on an official visit to Syria.

He carried a message for Syrian President Hafez Assad from Karmal.

Aid to rebels

WASHINGTON, April 11 (R) — President Anwar Sadat has said Egypt would continue sending aid to Afghan rebels until they freed their country from Soviet forces.

"It is no secret that we are helping our brothers in Afghanistan. We will continue to aid them until they free their land," Sadat said in a speech to the National Press Club Thursday.

He refused to give any details of the aid. "I can't reveal anything, but let me tell you this: We are doing our best," he said in answer to a question.

UAE gives \$45m aid to Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 11 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has transferred to Lebanon \$45 million, its share of aid for 1980, an official announcement said here.

It said Abdul-Aziz Al-Shamsi, the UAE ambassador in Beirut, Thursday notified the Lebanese government of the transfer, part of Arab aid to rebuild the war-torn country.

Turkish MPs fail to elect president

ANKARA, April 11 (R) — The Turkish parliament failed Thursday to elect a new president of the republic for the 25th time in nearly three weeks.

With no legislation being discussed or passed until a president is elected, a joint session of the two houses held the 25th secret ballot in an effort to replace former President

Admiral Fahri Koruturk, whose seven-year term expired last week.

For the first time, a candidate was put forward Thursday by a political party. But former Defense Minister Sadettin Bilgic, the candidate received only 183 votes in the 635-seat joint assembly. A majority of 318 votes is required.

Iraq expels 22 S. Yemeni students

KUWAIT, April 11 (R) — Iraq has expelled 22 South Yemeni students, a further sign of worsening relations between the two countries.

A spokesman for the South Yemeni embassy in Kuwait said the students arrived Thursday night and he expected the remaining 50 South Yemenis studying in Iraqi uni-

versities would also be expelled. He gave no reason for the expulsions but said the students had not been involved in any political activity.

Relations between Iraq and South Yemen have been increasingly strained since South Yemeni President Abdul-Fatah Ismail came to power in 1978.

Mauritania interior minister sacked

NOUAKCHOTT, April 11 (AFP) — Mauritania's Interior Minister Moulou Zouli Boukreiss has been sacked and replaced by Maj. Sheikh Sidsahmad Baba Mine. It was

announced here Friday. The new minister was formerly commander of Zouerate military region in the north of the country.



Masayoshi Ohira

Japan backs Palestine state -- Ohira

KUWAIT, April 11 (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira has been quoted by a Kuwaiti newspaper as saying Japan supports the right to self-determination of the Palestinians and the setting up of an independent Palestinian state.

"Japan's attitude toward the Middle East is that peace in the area must be based on the implementation of the U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and also on recognizing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," Ohira said in an interview with the daily *Al-Qabas* Thursday.

"The concept of legitimate Palestinian rights as embodied in the U.N. Charter means allowing Palestinians the right of self-determination and equity."

"We insist that such rights include the setting up of an independent state," he added.

"If Palestinians opted for an independent state as part of a Middle East settlement that also meets legitimate security requirements of other countries, we will be prepared to support such a state out of the conviction it will contribute to peace and stability in the region," Ohira said.

His country will "seriously consider supporting revision of the Resolution 242 so as to provide for Palestinians' self-determination instead of treating them as refugees," he said he would be "ready to receive" Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization when he visits Tokyo.

Soviets adopt neutral stand on Iraqi-Iranian tensions

MOSCOW, April 11 (AP) — The Soviet press has avoided taking sides in the Iraqi-Iranian border dispute, apparently trying not to alienate either side.

Soviet newspapers and radio Thursday limited themselves to reporting basic facts about the dispute, which erupted into an air battle Wednesday.

Radio Moscow's international service noted the heightening of tensions in its broadcasts Thursday but offered no comment.

The Tass news agency Wednesday reported Iranian claims that Iraqi troops had "intruded into Iran" as well as Iraqi claims that Iranian occupation of three Gulf islands was illegal.

Further evidence that the Soviet hope to avoid irritating either side in the conflict was signaled by Russian handling of the eighth anniversary Wednesday of the Soviet-Iraq Friendship and Cooperation Treaty.

The passing of the anniversary was noted in a Tass announcement that contained none of the expansive proclamations that normally mark accounts on such anniversaries.

The Soviet Union, while relatively assured

of the loyalty of the pro-Soviet Iraq regime, is ardently courting the Iranian leadership, which has lumped the Soviet Union with the United States as an "imperialist" power.

The Soviets have large trading interests in both countries. Soviet figures show the Soviets did 1.181 billion rubles in trade with Iraq last year and 409 million rubles in trade with Iran.

The ruble is valued by the Soviets at \$1.52.

Saddam Hussein gets Castro note

BAGHDAD, April 11 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has received a message from Cuban leader Fidel Castro on the international situation and Cuba's role in solving the Afghan problem, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

It said the message was delivered Thursday by Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca Peoli, who arrived here Wednesday. Discussions at the meeting covered the situation in South-East Asia and "American threats in the Arab region," it added.

Indian aide to hold talks with Gen. Zia

ISLAMABAD, April 11 (R) — Former Indian Foreign Minister Sardar Swaran Singh arrived in Pakistan Thursday for talks with President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq and other Pakistani officials.

Singh, here for a four-day visit as an envoy of the Indian government, said he was ready to discuss a 33-year-old India-Pakistan dispute over the Himalayan state of Jammu and Kashmir if Pakistan raised it.

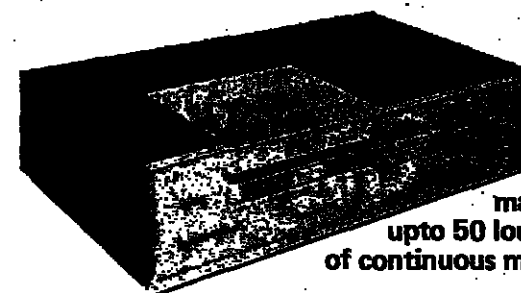
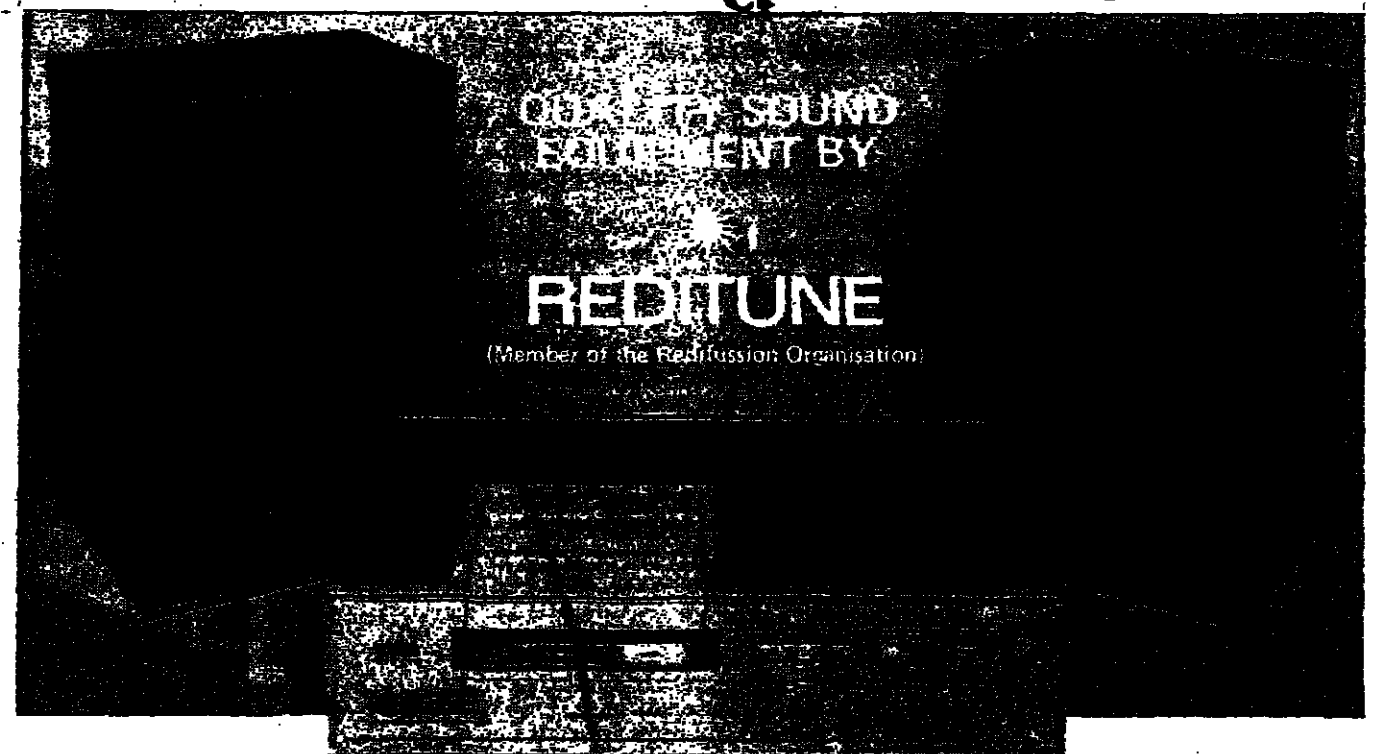
India and Pakistan have fought three wars since 1947 on Kashmir.

India considers Kashmir as its integral part while Pakistan says the people of the Muslim-majority state should decide in a United Nations-supervised plebiscite whether they want to join India or Pakistan.

Major part of the state is under Indian control.

Singh was due to have his first round of talks with Zia's foreign affairs adviser Agha Shah Friday and the second Sunday. He will also have a meeting with Zia Saturday.

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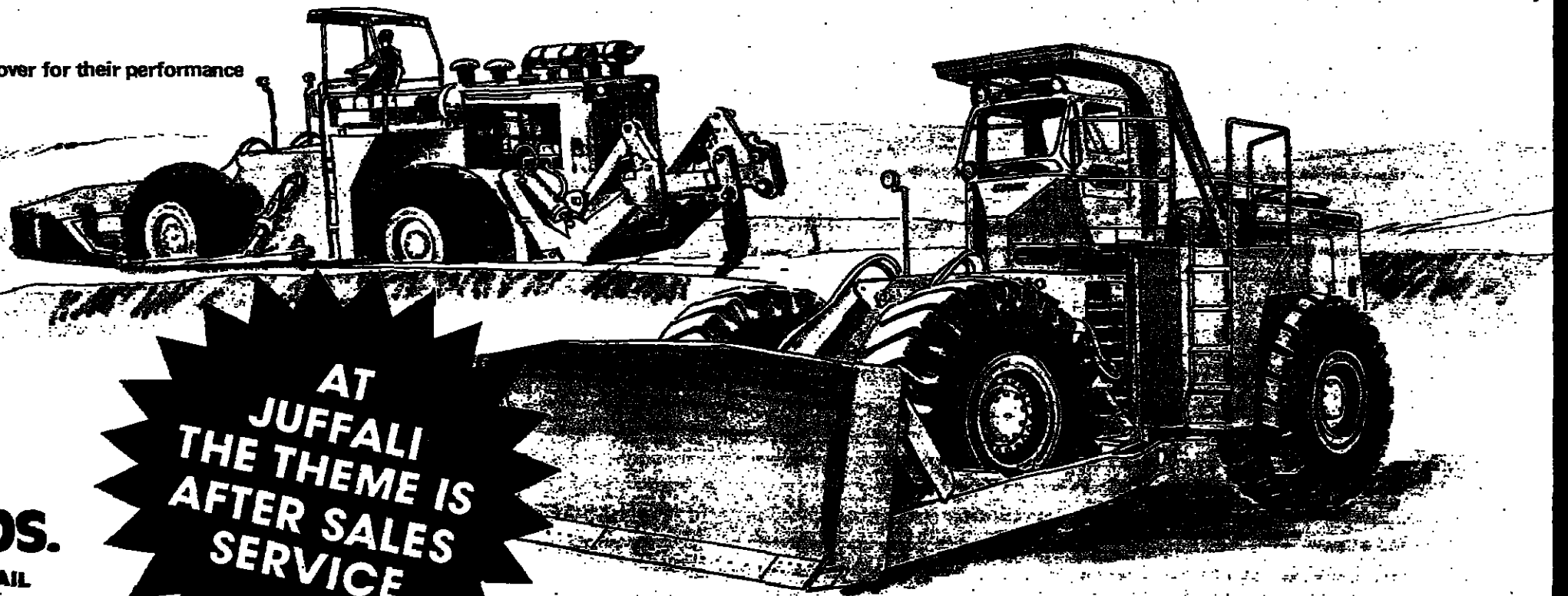
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Things go crack in the night Grinding away in the capital

By Stephanie Mansfield
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — State Department spokesman Hodding Carter III does it. The chairman of a large District of Columbia ink does it. Politicians, Capitol Hill staffers, cabinet officers, White House staffers, Georgetown matrons, Pentagon generals, diplomats and bureaucrats do it.

In fact, Washingtonians are grinding their teeth to the tune of thousands of dollars in dental bills each month as "bruxing" joins the ranks of stress-related ailments in the nation's capital.

"Here in Washington, people reach the top of their professions," Dr. Daniel J. Deutsch said. "Everybody's just grinding away."

Teeth grinding, or bruxism as the medical journals refer to it, is usually associated with stress. The "bruxer" normally "bruxes" during the night and is not aware of the habit unless the grinding and clicking of molar on molar awakens his or her spouse.

In that case, the "bruxer" is outfitted with a clear acrylic "night guard" similar to the protective retainer worn by boxers and other athletes. It prevents the teeth from grinding against one another and often relieves the symptoms associated with "bruxing": morning headaches, soreness of the jaw, neck aches, ringing of the ears and dizziness.

"I make lots of night guards," said Deutsch, a 33-year-old Washington dentist. "I made one for a politician, but he refuses to wear it."

The dentist also said he had made husband-and-wife night guards. "That way, they don't feel so funny. Can they kiss each other? Sure, all you have to do is pucker."

Deutsch estimated that 25 per cent of his patients suffered from bruxism. "Lots of

people do it," he said.

"You either bite your nails, get ulcers or brux."

Although Hodding Carter's duties have become more nerve-wracking since the Iranian crisis, the State Department spokesman said Friday he's been "bruxing" for a long time.

"The stress pattern is there. It was going on way before Iran," he said, adding that he does not wear a night guard. "It's really not that bad. You don't hear them cracking in the night."

Although several area dentists say that the profession is becoming increasingly aware of the problem, the dental anguish itself is as old as the Egyptian scrolls.

"You talk about tension," said Dr. Alan L. Winner, a local bruxism specialist. "Can you imagine having to build a pyramid? You can be sure they were grinding away."

Winner said Washington was a strong contender for the unofficial teeth grinding capital of the world. "Although it would be tough to beat New York City."

The young downtown dentist, who often sees gold crowns completely ground down, devotes one-third of his practice to bruxism patients. "It's so common in this city."

"They take it (stress) out on their teeth."

Medically, explained Winner, teeth grinding is associated with a defect in the temporal mandibular joint that aligns the jaw. When the mouth is clenched, the top teeth do not line up correctly with the bottom teeth.

The "TMJ syndrome," Winner said, can be corrected two ways — one with a night guard that fits over the entire upper teeth, and the other with a smaller, 24-hour plastic retainer that separates the molars.

"It's like a non-surgical face lift," Winner said. The TMJ appliance eliminates the stress, subjective or physical, and makes

teeth grinding impossible.

"The patient doesn't realize he's doing it," said Winner, who normally outfits a half-dozen Washingtonians a week with the retainer.

"Income-tax time is coming, so we should be getting a little busier," he added. The cost of the plastic chopper stopper can run as high as \$500.

How can you tell if you're a "bruxer"?

"I ask patients a few questions," Winner said. "Are their jaw muscles sore? Is there ringing in the ears, dizziness, headaches? If they put their little fingers in their ears and open and close their mouth, do they hear a clicking or popping in the jaw joint?"

If not corrected, dentists say, bruxism can eventually split a tooth, grind away expensive dental work, and damage muscular tissue.

"Some people have such severe symptoms. They can hardly open their mouths when they wake up," said Deutsch.

But Dr. Theodore Fields, a Washington dentist, says he's seen too many patients who grind their teeth to blame simple stress as the cause.

"I've seen it in 3-year-old children," Fields said. "It might be a normal mechanism for keeping people asleep. I suspect it's a good release of emotional energy."

Another dentist, Dr. James L. Berge, corrects the symptom by grinding away high spots from the patient's back teeth. Berge also estimates that 20 to 30 per cent of his patients are teeth grinders.

"It's one of the areas that's in vogue these days in dentistry," he said.

But with all the gnashing of teeth in the nation's capital these days, there's at least one official whose pearly whites are calm: President Carter.

Capt. William Maastright, the president's dentist at Bethesda Naval Hospital, said Friday, "President Carter is not a 'bruxer.'"



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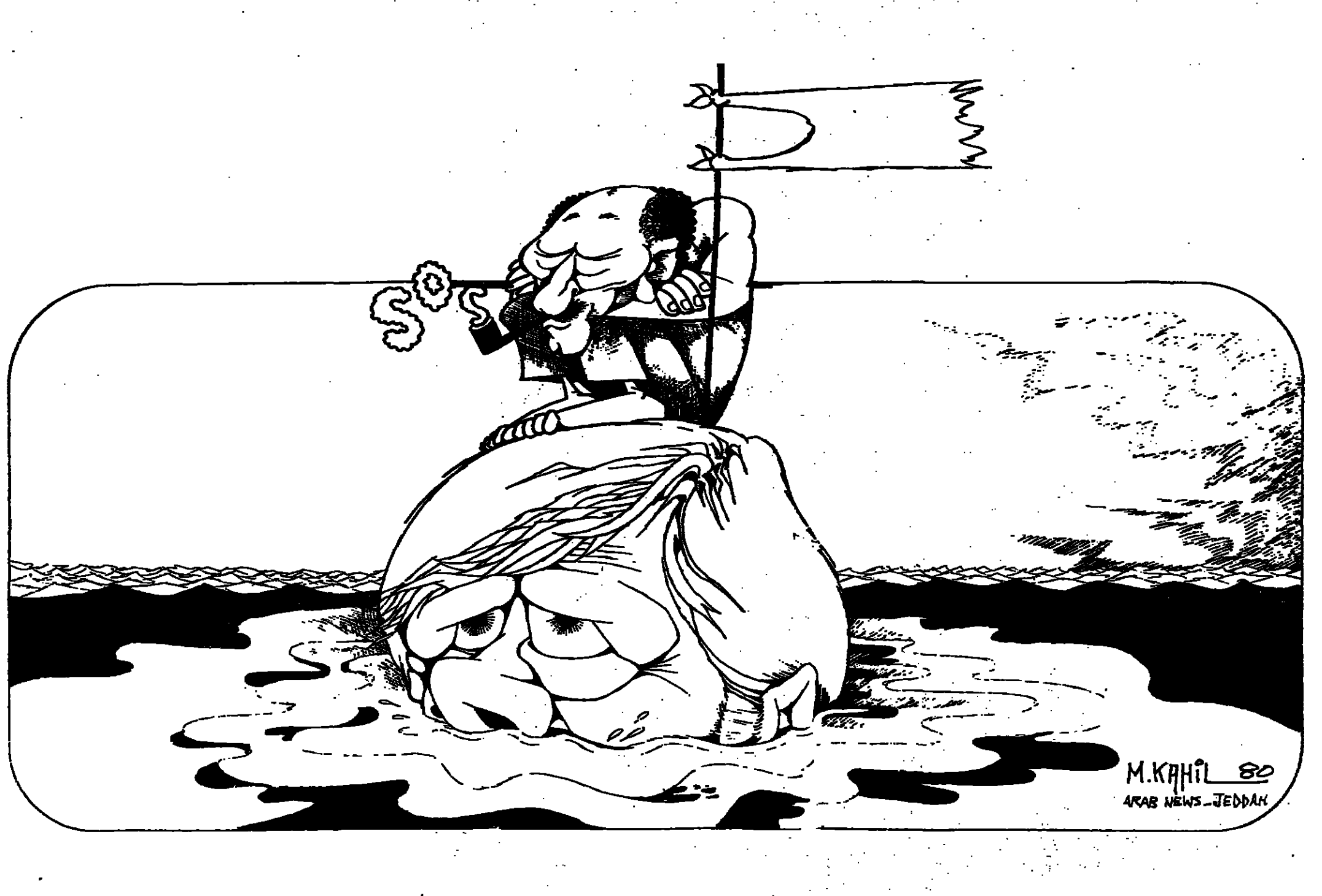
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The Basmachis: The first Muslim rebellion against USSR

By Dan Fisher

MOSCOW —

The current struggle in Afghanistan is not the first the Kremlin has waged against Muslim rebels bent on preserving their way of life.

There was a similar clash in the years following the 1917 revolution that brought the Communists to power here, when the Bolsheviks under V.I. Lenin were moving to consolidate Soviet rule over the Central Asian peoples who had been subjugated by the Czars.

That earlier rebellion was, in the words of historian Richard E. Pipes, "perhaps the most persistent and successful in the entire history of Soviet Russia."

Some experienced diplomats in Moscow have suggested that it might offer an important due to the Kremlin's current plans for Afghanistan.

The so-called Basmachi rebellion erupted all across the region from the Caspian Sea east to the frontier with China and Mongolia. The rebels, like their Afghan counterparts of today, were ill-equipped, but their guerrilla tactics were effective. They kept the Red Army on the run for more than a decade.

What the word "Basmachi" means is a matter of dispute. Some say it comes from a word meaning "the oppressed." Others say it stems from a native word for "robber." Whatever the case, Basmachi came to refer to the thousands of Central Asian partisans who took up arms against the new Soviet state in support of national independence.

"The fight against the Basmachis was a fight with an entirely new, distinct and unique opponent," wrote one Soviet chronicler of the time. "The Basmachis were made up of partisan detachments almost exclusively on horseback. They were elusive and often dissolved in the neighboring villages literally before the eyes of our troops, who would immediately undertake a general search of the villages but without any results."

Today, hundreds of thousands of Afghan refugees have made their way across international borders to tribal lands in Pakistan and Iran. Some of them seek only a respite before returning to fight the Soviet troops in their homeland. Sixty years ago, Afghanistan was the refuge for Basmachis driven out of what is today Soviet Central Asia, and many of them, too, returned to fight and die in their homeland.

In the end, the Basmachi rebellion was crushed. The men in the Kremlin did it with brutal force combined with periodic concessions to national customs that masked but did not really alter a patient, persistent campaign to destroy the Islamic foundation for those customs.

There had been dissidence in the area long before the people rebelled. Czarist Russian colonization in Central Asia had left deep resentment.

In 1916, the Russian government ordered that Central Asians be mobilized in worker battalions for service in World War I. The order touched off an uprising that spread across the area.

The uprising was fanned primarily by the mullahs, or Islamic religious leaders, in remote areas and reportedly resulted in the deaths of at least 7,000 Russian settlers.

When the Czar was overthrown and succeeded by a provisional government under Alexander Kerensky, in February, 1917, there was excitement and expectation among many Central Asians. But the good will was short-lived.

The new government's attitude, as expressed by a Russian delegate to a Muslim congress in Tashkent, sounded like more of the same: "The revolution has been waged by Russians; that is why the power is in our hands in Central Asia."

A second Muslim congress, not long afterward, unsuccessfully urged that an autonomous Central Asian republic be formed, in federation with Russia but under its own laws. When a Muslim delegation visited Kerensky to tell him of the local unrest, he told them:

"I do not believe that there will be an anti-Russian uprising in Central Asia, but were that to happen, I would take the most rigorous measures to crush it."

By the time the Bolsheviks overthrew the provisional government in November, 1917, the Central Asians were understandably skeptical.

In one of its earliest decrees, on Nov. 24, 1917, the new Soviet government called out to "all toiling Muslims of Russia and the East" whose "mosques and prayer houses have been destroyed, whose beliefs and customs have been trampled on by the Czars and the oppressors of Russia."

The government promised that "your beliefs and customs, your national and cultural institutions are declared henceforth free and inviolable. Organize your national life freely and without hindrance. This is your right. Know that your rights... are protected by the entire might of the revolution and its organs... support this revolution and its government."

But the Bolshevik's actions spoke louder than their words. A revolutionary coalition committee was formed in Tashkent but it did not include a single Muslim.

One day after the Soviet appeal of Nov. 24, a conference of Muslims met in Kokand, about 100 miles southeast of Tashkent, and proclaimed autonomy for South Central Asia. They named a Muslim government in opposition to the Russian government in Tashkent.

Little more than two months later, in February, 1918, Red Army troops captured and sacked Kokand and massacred its inhabitants.

From Kokand, the Red Army troops marched more than 300 miles west to Bukhara, where the arch conservative Said Alim Khan reigned as emir. But there the people rose up in support of the emir, and the Soviet troops retreated to Tashkent.

Out of those clashes, the Basmachi rebellion was born.

Like many of the rebels now fighting in Afghanistan, the Basmachis were at the outset ordinary people. They were particularly active in the Fergana valley southeast of Tashkent and were feared by the local population.

After Kokand fell, many Muslims who had been in the short-lived government and many inhabitants of Fergana joined the Basmachis and created a popular resistance movement.

"The collapse of Kokand autonomy was inevitable, for it had neither sufficient political forces, nor troops, nor means," historian Helene Dencausse has written. "While it represented the heartfelt wishes of Southern Central Asians, its effort could not find support for it had no real ties with the general population."

"Still, this ephemeral government was far more important than its brief duration might indicate. It gave the first manifestation of open opposition to Soviet power in the name of local autonomy, and it gave birth to the Basmachi Movement, which prolonged Central Asian protest against integration into the Soviet Union."

With the Basmachis in rebellion, the country ripped by civil war, and foreign armies intervening against the government, the Soviet leaders developed different tactics in Central Asia, combining occasional military thrusts with political efforts to pacify the people.

On April 30, 1918, Moscow proclaimed the autonomous republic of Turkistan, encompassing much of what today are the Kazakh, Kirgiz, Uzbek, Tadzhik and Turkmen Socialist Republics. It pressured the Soviet authorities in Tashkent to open government, party and army posts to natives.

In early 1920, according to historian Pipes, a special commission from Moscow instituted sweeping changes in Central Asia. In *The Formation of the Soviet Union*, Pipes wrote:

"The native population was permitted to reopen its bazaars, to engage in petty trade and in other commercial activities forbidden to the Russian inhabitants of the area; food distribution, previously favorable to the European urban population, was equalized; natives were urged to join the Communist Party and to participate in the Soviet

institutions."

On the other hand, the Red Army attacked the city of Khiva, another hotbed of Central Asian nationalism, and captured it in February 1919. It left the so-called Khivan People's Republic intact for a time, but slowly undermined it with purges of natives from the government. By 1924 it was unable to persuade a people's congress to incorporate the area into the Soviet Union.

In the summer of 1920, the Red Army turned its attention back to Bukhara and its stubborn emir, who by then had cut off all trade with Russia and the recently designated Turkistan. This time, the emir could not hold out, and he was forced to flee into Afghanistan as his capital fell.

Despite the fall of Bukhara, many of the emir's followers stayed behind to form Basmachi detachments in the hills under the leadership of the emir's lieutenant, Ibrahim Bek. The emir supplied arms and personnel from Afghanistan.

The Soviet military offensive was combined with far-reaching reforms intended to pacify the rebellious Central Asians. Previously confiscated lands were returned to the Muslims, religious schools were reopened, and the Islamic courts were temporarily allowed to resume operations. Forced requisitions of food and cotton were ended.

The Red Army, supported by aircraft and tanks, was still fighting the Basmachis as late as 1924. However, Pipes has written, "As soon as the Communist regime had made it possible for them to return to their traditional ways of life, the Central Asian Muslims gave up the struggle. The entire resistance movement... had been not so much an embodiment of a positive political or social philosophy as a desperate reaction to ill-treatment and abuse of authority, and it collapsed as soon as those irritants were removed."

Once the Basmachis lost their popular support, the Soviet authorities were able to localize the threat and then, slowly, to wipe it out. By the mid-1920s, the Soviets felt able to liquidate the Islamic courts and the religious schools. Registration of births, deaths, and marriages was transferred from Muslim to Soviet authorities.

By the late 1920s, Moscow was publishing a mass of anti-Islamic literature, closing mosques, jailing and executing religious leaders. Ritual circumcisions became an act of "criminal mutilation," and mullahs who performed them were arrested. Those Central Asians who had joined the Communist Party and government, hoping to defend Central Asian interests from within, were purged as nationalists.

The Basmachi Movement flared briefly in the early 1930s as a focus for those who opposed Josef Stalin's forced collectivization. But it never achieved the importance it had known. Ibrahim Bek, who had fled to Afghanistan in 1926, returned to lead the Basmachis in the last Hurrah, but he was captured and executed in June, 1931.

The Basmachi Movement, Pipes has written, "never attained its ultimate purpose — the overthrow of Russian rule in Turkistan — because the Russians were infinitely better organized, controlled the cities and the lines of communication, and had at their disposal a more numerous and more experienced armed force." — (LAT)

CARTER'S SANCTIONS

The signs are that President Carter is determined to escalate his sanctions against both Iran and the Soviet Union, the former for continuing to detain the American hostages, and the latter for its aggression against Afghanistan. There are many reasons for this, the most important among them being, on the one hand, that the Iranians and the Soviets have left him with little choice, and that, on the other, to be seen to take a hard stand chimes at the moment with the public mood in the United States, and would be electorally advantageous.

But Carter's determination is not by itself sufficient condition for success. The United States does not, by itself, possess enough leverage to drive the Soviets out of Afghanistan. And, as to Iran, the leadership there appears to be so much in grip of popular passion, and so isolated from what is happening in the rest of the world, that it will take a long time to realize the long-term harm its present policies will cause its country's interests.

To stand a better chance of success, Carter's sanctions against Iran and the Soviet Union have to have the support of America's Western allies. But these have been less than enthusiastic. The Western European powers have up to now refused to bar their sporting teams from the Moscow Olympics, and are not expected to follow the Americans in any economic measures against the USSR, for fear of having to pay for them through increased tensions in Central Europe. The Americans, however, are now pressing the Europeans hard for support.

Carter's priority is solving the American-Iranian crisis through the release of the hostages. This, it is felt in the White House, would enable America to mend its fences quickly with the Islamic world, which is a necessary condition for a more effective stand against the Soviets in Afghanistan. But time is running short for Carter, and the popular mood might force him to go all the way in his effort to free the hostages. Iran thus might find itself before very long faced with an American naval blockade.

saudi press review

A majority of weekend newspapers led with Israel's penetration into southern Lebanon, saying that enemy forces have begun digging trenches around Lebanese rural areas in preparation for large-scale aggression against Palestinian resistance.

In a lead story, *Al Madina* highlighted the Petroleum Governor's reaffirmation that Saudi Arabian oil will be sold at the official price as long as the concession business is discovered will be cancelled. *Al Jazirah* said that a U.S.-Soviet military race toward Iran was likely as a result of mounting tension between Iran and the U.S. President Carter's rejection of any amendment to U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and support for Palestinian self-rule formed the lead in *Okaz* newspaper.

Al Jazirah frontpaged Riyadh

Governor Prince Salman's assertion that the enforcement of Islamic law has earned the Kingdom first place in security among the world's nations. *Al Madina* reported that the Iranian students holding the U.S. hostages have threatened to kill them immediately if the U.S. attacks Iran militarily. In a front-page story, *Al Riyadh* quoted diplomatic sources in Beirut as saying Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky intended to ask for reconsideration of the U.N. General Assembly's old resolution to partition Palestine.

Okaz gave front-page highlight to the confrontation states meeting in Tripoli to prepare for the fourth summit conference beginning Sunday, but *Al Yawm* quoted Palestinian sources as saying that PLO leader Yasser Arafat will not attend the summit in the absence of an official invitation from Libya.

Newspaper editorials condemned Israel's aggression toward Southern Lebanon, saying the enemy intended to bring the whole Middle East into a new war. They also denounced the so-called Palestinian autonomy and reiterated that U.S. efforts to save the autonomy talks will fail as a result of Israel's intransigent attitude.

In an editorial, *Al Jazirah* said that Israel's aggression was part of a Zionist plot to keep the region in confusion and the Arab states preoccupied with internal differences. The paper added that the Lebanese crisis would have been isolated from the regional crisis if Israel had left Lebanon to manage its own affairs.

Al Riyadh held the conviction that understanding between Sadat and Begin was not possible because of the latter's lack of flexibility and his conviction that

Sadat's presence during meetings with Carter has no meaning at all. The paper added that the Egyptian president has lost his freedom and has consigned his affairs to the U.S. president. It held the view that Carter will fail in his attempts due to Israel's intransigence and it is therefore futile to think that the Washington conference will produce any positive result.

In an editorial, *Al Bilad* said Carter's admission that there exist a deadlock in the autonomy negotiations encourages the U.S. administration to rectify the error by nullifying the Camp David accords. The continuation of talks in their current form will not be successful because they will not have any effect upon the rights of the Palestinian people. In order to bring about any positive result, said the paper, Israel must be made to withdraw from occupied

Arab lands, especially Jerusalem.

Dealing with Israeli aggression toward southern Lebanon, *Okaz* said Israel's intervention will not only endanger Lebanon's security but will also aggravate tensions in the entire region. The paper added that Israel's actions were part of Zionist plans to weaken Arab unity and to establish a Jewish state in the region. It called for a united Arab front to resist Israeli aggression and to support the Palestinian people. The paper also mentioned that the U.S. administration is trying to mediate between Israel and the Arabs, but it is not clear if this will lead to a peaceful solution. The paper concluded by saying that the Arab world must stand united and resist any attempt to divide it.

Letter to the editor

Dear sir,

Arrangements have been made whereby direct dialling is possible to about 70 countries from Saudi Arabia. This has naturally reduced the number of countries for which one has to book a telephone call. One would tend to think that with all the modern equipment and facilities available, the telephone service should have improved. Unfortunately it is just the reverse.

I frequently book telephone calls to Karachi, Pakistan. At the time of booking, the operator tells me it will take 3-4 hours. As the call may be put through any time one has to stick around and cannot do anything during those 3-4 hours. What is more frustrating is that there is no way to find out

the status of one's request if the call does not come through within the specified time. In Riyadh one should call either 31088, 34344, or 36366 to inquire about status of calls booked. Ninety nine per cent of times these numbers are busy and 1 per cent of time no one attends to them.

Like 91 or 92 are the numbers for requesting an overseas call, similarly there should be a 2 digit number for inquiries. This number should be attended by many operators so that the subscribers get a quick reply.

I would strongly urge the authorities to rectify the situation and make improvements for which there is more than ample room.

Name withheld upon request

Closing the height gap

Japan begins to wonder if bigger is better

By Sam Jameson

The Los Angeles Times

TOKYO — Once a short but sturdy people, Japanese are gradually becoming taller, and apparently more fragile.

Today, the average 20-year-old male is 5 foot 6.4 inches tall, 2.3 inches taller than his father and 4.6 inches more than his grandfather. The average 20-year-old female stands 5 foot 1.7 inches, 2.2 inches taller than

her mother and 3.8 inches taller than her grandmother.

Today's young adults are believed to be taller than the world's average, and are closing the height gap with Americans.

Affluence, bringing with it a better balanced diet, gets much of the credit.

Adopting a more Western style of life also has made a difference, particularly in moving from tatami (straw mats) to chairs. The Japanese custom of sitting cross-legged on mats on the floor is bad for blood circulation and helps to stunt growth of the legs, health authorities say.

But today's sleek young adults, while blessed with longer and better-shaped legs, lack the strength their short, stocky forebears had, according to physical education tests given at schools. Sumo wrestlers reportedly are not as strong as they used to be. Soldiers are viewed as more prone to injury.

More and more, Japan is becoming a country that was not built for the people who live here.

Some Japanese are forced to duck to get through doorways in their homes.

His height has forced him to pay attention to little things that average-size Japanese do not even notice like the slight upward incline of the aisle at the rear of Japanese buses.

"I always make it a point to go to the front of a bus," he said. In movie theaters, Kobayashi and his wife automatically seek rear seats. "Somebody inevitably will complain they can't see if I sit in the middle of a movie theater."

Height is costly to Kobayashi. He has to have both his shirts and suits tailor-made.

decay, have replaced them. In 1949, only 12 per cent of Japan's high-school students suffered nearsightedness. Last year, 53 per cent did, according to the Education Ministry.

Greater opportunities for higher education have induced teenagers to spend more time studying, and TV has conspired to add to eye strain. Increased consumption of sugar appears to account for the tooth-decay problem, which has become virtually universal.

And more time spent inside the house means less exercise. Physical education tests show that ability in exercises involving the legs has improved, mainly because legs of today's youth are longer. But physical strength, especially involving back muscles, has declined.

Self-defense forces officers complain that young soldiers suffer fractures during even simple training or exercise.

Sumo critics say the behemoths who wrestle today would be no match for their predecessors. Although today's sumo champions who intentionally fatten themselves — weigh in at the same 300 or so pounds, the short legs of the champions of yesteryear gave them a low center of gravity and strength unmatched by today's best, the critics say.

Even an increase in juvenile delinquency has been blamed, in part, upon the new growth patterns. The peak growth year for boys is now 12, whereas 30 years ago it was 14. For girls, it is age 10 instead of 11. Peak growth comes earlier because of better nutrition. Mental and psychological growth, however, have not quickened, educators believe.

Professor Goro Koike of the Kagawa Nutrition College attributes the increase in height (and, proportionality in weight) to both an increase in food intake and a change in diet. The average daily intake between 1934 and 1938 was 2,020 calories. After falling to 1,449 calories in the immediate post-war days of 1946, it continued to rise gradually to today's average of 2,499 calories.

Changes in average height followed the same pattern by falling after World War II before rising above prewar levels, Koike said.

Affluence itself appears to have played a major role. Today the shortest Japanese are found in the sections of the country with the lowest incomes. Okinawa Prefecture, for example, has both the nation's lowest average incomes and the shortest average heights.

A virtual revolution in dietary habits has occurred since the war. Prewar Japanese obtained their protein supply almost exclusively from rice and other grains and from fish. Now, protein from livestock products is a major part of the diet.

In total daily calories, Americans consume an average of 3,199 compared with 2,499 for Japanese. A dramatic boost from a mere three-tenths of an ounce a day before World

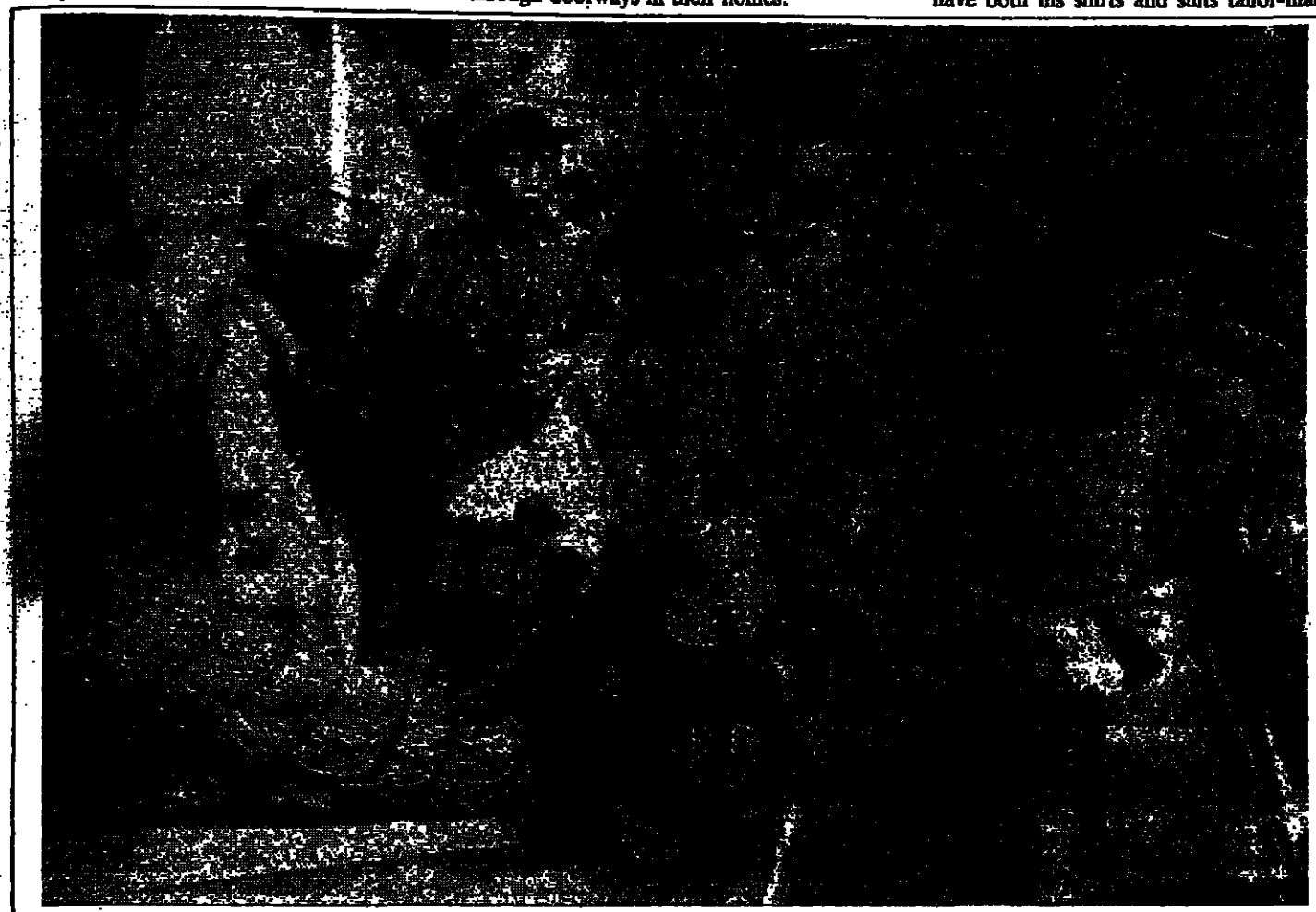
War II to 5.7 ounces of milk products a day has added a major stimulant to growth to the Japanese diet — calcium.

In recent years, intake of all kinds of food has increased, except in three categories: rice, beans and tubers (largely sweet potatoes). Rice consumption has fallen 29 per cent since 1960.

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British community wives coffee morning will be held on Monday, April 14, at 10:30 in the ambassador's garden.



Growing Taller?

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Until the mid-1950s, the height of doorways in Japanese homes was a standard 5 feet 8.1 inches. A height of 5 feet 11.7 inches is now commonly used to accommodate the taller populace.

Yasuo Kobayashi, 32, at 6 foot 1, faces problems like doorways stoically.

Kobayashi, who buys used autos for a Nissan used-car center, said, "It began from about the time I was a seventh or eighth grader ... Sometimes, when I came home from school in a hurry and rushed forgetfully into the house, I smashed my head so hard I fell down."

Thirty years ago, the average Japanese man was five inches shorter than the average American. In the three decades since, the Japanese man has closed the gap to 3.2 inches on the 5 foot 9.6 inch American. U.S. and Japanese health statistics show and Japanese women are just 1.9 inches shorter than the average American women, who stands 5 foot 3.6.

Diseases associated with poverty on the negative side, while tuberculosis, parasites, trachoma have all but vanished in Japan, ailments associated with affluence: nearsightedness, abnormality in color vision and tooth-

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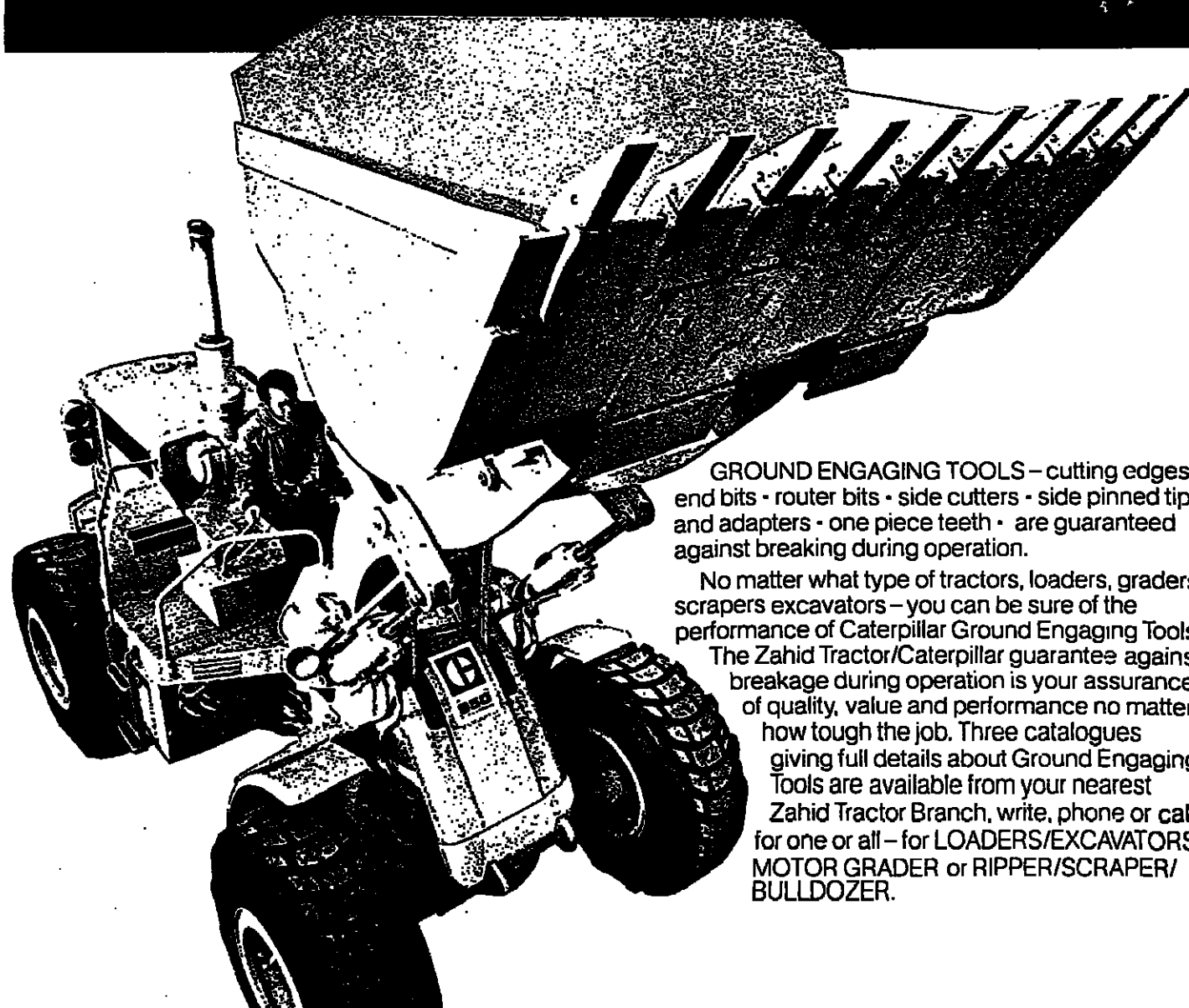


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Onetime 'enemy' takes over

Rhodesia cuts British ties next week

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, April 11 (AP) — Guerrilla leader who was once declared Rhodesia's "enemy" now will lead his country to independence at midnight April 17.

Robert Gabriel Mugabe officially takes the reins of power of an independent Zimbabwe when the nation's new five-color flag is hoisted above a football stadium for the independence celebrations.

Hours later, Lord Soames, the Governor who restored British rule after 15 years of rebellion by the former white-minority government, will fly back to London, leaving Zimbabwe totally in the hands of black leaders for the first time in nine decades.

Mugabe was born in a mud hut to poor peasant parents. But on Friday and independence, he will be leading one of Africa's potentially richest nations.

Mugabe has been serving as prime minister now for five weeks, and has drawn plans for reconstruction and attracted promises of tens of millions of dollars in assistance. He also won the confidence of the whites who feared they would lose their homes, jobs and savings or be deported or jailed because of their role in the war against guerrillas led by Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo.

The new nation faces a massive rebuilding effort after seven years of war. Up to one million refugees and war victims must be resettled.

Following his landslide victory in British-supervised elections in February, Mugabe has pursued a moderate course, which has surprised those who feared his Marxist ideal-



Prime Minister Mugabe

ogy.

Private ownership of land, homes and businesses would be guaranteed, he said. Whites were urged to remain in their country to help boost the economy and thus indirectly help the socialist programs of free education and health, better homes and the additional jobs Mugabe promised voters.

"It is time to beat our swords into plowshares, so we can attend to the problems of developing our economy and our society," he declared in a nationwide address on March 4, the day his victory was announced.

Western diplomats are unsparing in their praise for Mugabe.

He's one of the most statesmanlike and pragmatic leaders in Africa today," declared a British diplomat.

Instead of beckoning to Moscow, Mugabe invited Britain to train his combined army of Rhodesian soldiers and guerrillas who were foes in the war. He also has British experts teaching black civil servants how to run their fledgling government.

"The British have got more than just a foot in the door," said an African diplomat, "and the Russians have not even got to the doorstep."

Mugabe's tilt to the west is rooted in his disillusionment over the failures of Soviet-backed African states such as Angola, Mozambique and Ethiopia, his aides maintain.

Mugabe's preoccupation has been domestic, not foreign, affairs.

In his short term in office he assembled a coalition cabinet of two popular whites and four rival black politicians, including Nkomo. He also won the support of all other parties, including former Prime Minister Ian Smith's Rhodesian Front.

The military draft is being phased out, political prisoners are being freed, curfews under which hundreds of violators were shot dead have been lifted, his white-led police force has stamped out widespread post-election violence and his own ministers have defused labor unrest from poorly paid workers demanding immediate benefits from his victory.

Timing 'depends on government'

Colombia guerrillas to free more hostages

BOGOTA, April 11 (AP) — Guerrillas holding 18 foreign diplomats captive for the past 44 days are willing to free additional hostages but the group's leader says the timing "depends on the government."

Colombian Foreign Ministry officials acting for envoys of 15 nations said some "advances" came out of a 12th round of negotiations Tuesday with a spokeswoman for the M-19 guerrilla band at the Dominican Republic embassy.

But an official communiqué said nothing of separate talks two prominent Colombians held with guerrillas inside the embassy later in the day. That session apparently was related to ransom demands, one usually well informed source said.

Late Tuesday former Colombian Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Rivas Sacconi, and a businessman whose name could not be obtained walked briefly into the embassy compound for an hour of closed door talks with the M-19 commando. It was believed to be the first time that such high ranking Colombians had entered the four-story building

since the takeover.

M-19 leader "Comandante Uno" was quoted by a local newspaper as saying by telephone that the talks with the government are on a "good path." He said more hostages could be released on April 19, the anniversary of the 1970 elections that the group claims were fraudulent. The guerrillas have already released 35 persons. The Uruguayan ambassador escaped.

The mysterious "Comandante," who remains unidentified, said ransom money would be handed over to public charities and the poor and that group wants to go to an unidentified Middle Eastern country.

Tito's condition said unchanged

BELGRADE, April 11 (AP) — Doctors treating President Josip Broz Tito said Friday there was no notable change in his condition.

The doctors said there were no signs that a new flareup of pneumonia reported last Tuesday had spread further, but the 87-year-old president was still suffering from a high fever.

Nichter the government nor at least 20 young guerrillas who shot their way into the mission compound on Feb. 27 announced a date for further official talks.

The guerrillas originally demanded that Colombian military courts drop charges against some 311 jailed sympathizers, a \$50 million ransom and safe conduct out of the country.

The guerrillas, according to official sources, have since whittled their demands down to the release of seven top M-19 leaders and the payment of undisclosed sums by governments of 15 countries whose envoys are captive.

Tito, hospitalized for 91 straight days, is also suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness and internal bleeding problems.

The afflictions developed after the Jan. 20 operation on his left leg to remove a circulation blockage. Doctors said Friday they were continuing to apply undescribed intensive measures to keep him alive.

Sanjay movie-burning conviction overturned

NEW DELHI, April 11 (AP) — India's supreme court on Friday overturned a 1979 verdict by a lower court convicting Sanjay Gandhi, controversial son of the prime minister, on criminal charges.

The court said the prosecution had failed to prove "beyond all reasonable doubt" that Sanjay, 33, and former Information Minister V.C. Shukla had conspired to destroy a film critical of Mrs. Indira Gandhi's first regime.

The two men had also been convicted by sessions Judge O.N. Vohra of arranging the 1975 burning of the film at Sanjay's car factory near New Delhi.

Sanjay and Shukla were sentenced to two years imprisonment and fined heavily by Vohra in February 1978 after a 11-month-long trial on charges brought against them by former Prime Minister Morarji Desai's government. However, they had remained free

on bail pending a decision on their appeals to the high court.

Their motions were later transferred to the supreme court by the government to hasten the proceedings.

In 1978, Sanjay was jailed for a month for witness-tampering.

He still faces criminal charges in at least six other cases including battery and assault on a policeman during a riot last May.

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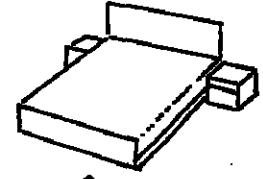
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Cubans offered asylum

Embassy refugees to be evacuated

LIMA, Peru, April 11 (AP) — Plans for the evacuation of thousands of Cubans from the Peruvian embassy in Havana moved ahead as 6,300 were registered and other governments began to offer asylum.

Peru's foreign minister, Arturo Garcia Y Garcia, said his nation would take 1,000 refugees and that offers of asylum had been made by countries outside the Andean council — Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela and Colombia, but he would not elaborate. The council is the political arm of the Andean group, a regional common market.

"Each country will take its own responsibility," Garcia said Thursday after an overnight council session designated him evacuation coordinator.

Garcia said the staff of the Peruvian embassy, doubled this week from five to 10, had registered 6,300 of the estimated 10,000 Cubans packed inside the 20-acre compound, asking for their names, backgrounds, and the reasons they want to flee the Communist regime of Fidel Castro.

"For humanitarian reasons, we are immediately initiating actions aimed at com-

plying with their desire to leave Cuba now that it appears the Cuban government will grant them the right to leave," Garcia said.

Garcia said he was coordinating evacuation details with two international agencies, the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.

The U.N. agency's regional representative, Guilherme L. da Cunha, said he had transmitted assistance offers to both Peruvian and Cuban authorities, but had received no Cuban response.

"It can't be done in five minutes, but we are trying to do it as quickly and efficiently as possible," Alfredo Pareja, Ecuador's Foreign Minister who is also president of the Andean council, said. Pareja told reporters that Peru would not necessarily be the first country to receive Cubans. Sources in Peru's foreign ministry said Costa Rica and Canada had agreed to accept Cuban refugees, but Canadian officials in Ottawa said they had reached no decision.

Puerto Rican Governor Carlos Romero

Barcelo said the U.S. commonwealth would welcome some of the Cubans. "We open our doors to our brothers who need help," he said.

A spokesman for the U.S. interest section in the Swiss embassy in Havana said earlier this week that the Cuban government was providing food and sanitation for those inside the 20-acre compound, and had allowed the Red Cross to set up a field clinic there.

The Cubans flocked to the embassy over the weekend after the government withdrew its guards from the compound because one guard was killed April 1 when a bus carrying six people who sought political refuge crashed into the embassy gate. Tight security was reimposed early this week to prevent more from entering the crowded embassy grounds.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter has expressed sympathy for the Cubans inside the embassy, but made no public offer to help. U.S. State Department officials have said they would consider applications by Cuban refugees able to reach Lima.

Survivors want him dead

'Re-educated' killer walks Cambodia village

By Denis D. Gray
PREK HO, Cambodia, April 11 (AP) — The old woman, her voice choked with anger, shouts: "Why did Khuth Khan kill my family?" Another takes up the chorus: "He would tell someone in his crude, insolent manner. It's time to go cut bamboo," and you could be sure that person would never be seen again.

The crowd grows: the orphaned children, the widows, the surviving families of Prek Ho village gathered under the oppressive sun.

The woman, 60-year-old Ven Kan, remembers a day in September, 1977. Khuth Khan had barked orders to her husband and six others of her family to follow him to help dig a canal. This, she knew, was the end. But Khuth Khan had never allowed her to touch the children or embrace her husband for the last time.

"Every day I think of my two sons. He took them out of the infirmary to die. Why? Why?" repeats Tuon Say, a white-haired peasant nearing 70. "Khuth Khan handled us like merchandise, like animals."

What had started as interviews with the villagers about their everyday lives turned — like almost every conversation in Cambodia today — to the horrors of the Pol Pot regime and then to a spontaneous group indictment of the man they claim was their chief tormentor and executioner.

The villagers would like to see Khuth Khan behind bars — or, as some plainly say, with his throat slit.

They are angry and puzzled that, like many

low-ranking Pol Pot officials, he is a free man, having undergone only a short course in political re-education.

I asked to meet Khuth Khan and that evening local officials brought him to a house outside Prek Ho.

"Were people at Prek Ho killed by Pol Pot?" he is asked.

"I don't know because I was only a worker. I served in the Pol Pot regime but I had no power."

The villagers, Khuth Khan says, must be mistaking him for someone else, perhaps a man called Mean. The villagers get these things wrong sometimes. Khuth Khan smiles and scans the faces of the half dozen persons around him. None return his smile.

"The villagers in Prek Ho say you are a murderer. Who did you kill?"

"Yes, they did take some people away to be killed but I only did my job. I didn't kill anyone. There was a division of labor under Pol Pot and I just headed a team that planted tobacco and maize."

At Prek Ho they also claim Khuth Khan helped supervise the destruction of their beloved Buddhist temple, telling them: "This is the heritage of the bourgeoisie. Look, the Buddha can't speak. He can't work. He is the great enemy."

Khuth Khan rubs his hands together in his lap, as if he were washing them. He did not, he says, destroy the temple. He is a Buddhist himself. In fact, he was once a monk.

Khuth Khan, 38, was born into a peasant

family in Prek Ho and lived there until joining Pol Pot's guerrillas in 1972, returning three years later with the victors. Not surprisingly, he has not returned to his native village since the Vietnamese army toppled Pol Pot in January 1979.

Many like him were reportedly killed by villagers all over Cambodia seeking revenge following Pol Pot's ouster. The rest fled into the jungle, were captured or gave themselves up.

Some of the higher-ranking officials may have been executed and others could still be in prison camps although the government will not provide such information. The new regime says most of Pol Pot's men were released after varying periods of re-education, two months in Khuth Khan's case.

The authorities argue that keeping large numbers in camps would have required a diversion of manpower needed for Cambodia's reconstruction and that these brutal but misguided followers had also been "liberated."

Khuth Khan — tall, slim, arrogant — says the only crime he noted in his own confession was "insolence against the peasants."

Nobody shakes his hand when the interview is over. They look at their watches or toward the ground as Khuth Khan walks off into the darkness.

"Is he guilty?" we ask the local security chief. He nods and smiles, as if it were one of the sillier questions he had been asked for some time.

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Energy Dept. to enter El Paso-Algeria gas talks

Price negotiations to resume April 21

ALGIERS, April 11 (AP) — Negotiations to establish a new price for sales of Algerian liquefied natural gas to El Paso of the United States will resume April 21, Energy Minister Belkacem Nabi told a news conference Thursday night.

However, the talks will be conducted by an official from the U.S. Energy Department and not representatives of El Paso, a Houston company that is Algeria's largest client, Nabi said.

"A U.S. under-secretary is scheduled to arrive April 21 to resume negotiations," Nabi said. El Paso "no longer represents a commercial entity since it can't decide on a new price, not even on a provisional advance" because the approval of the U.S. administration is "indispensable."

Talks between Algeria's state-owned Sonatrach Oil and Gas Company and El Paso were suspended last week, and gas shipments were temporarily halted.

Algeria, supplier of 1.5 per cent of U.S. natural gas needs, is demanding \$ 6.11 per thousand cubic meters. The previous price was \$ 1.95 per thousand cubic meters under an agreement that expired last week.

Gas supplies to France continue

Meanwhile, Nabi Thursday denied a report that Algeria had halted natural gas supplies to France, saying that a shipment of gas left the Algerian port of Skikda for a French port near Marseilles Wednesday night.

He said there had "never been any question" of suspending deliveries at a time of price negotiations with the Gaz de France Company, but admitted supplies had been reduced because of technical problems at the Skikda gas liquefaction plant.

This French-built plant is "ill-conceived and works so-so," said Nabi, who added he is not in a position to give exact figures of the duration and extent of the fall in gas deliveries. Algeria supplies 12.5 per cent of French gas consumption.

Gaz de France officials Thursday said Algeria had halted totally its deliveries to France, that it had received no deliveries yet this month and that last month Sonatrach had quite sharply cut back shipments.

"Shipments have been suspended, and we don't know when they will resume," a spokesman for Gaz de France told one reporter.

Although Algerian officials claim "technical reasons" caused the halt, French sources say the decision is most likely linked to negotiations for a new pricing system.

Algeria is renegotiating all its gas contracts with U.S. and European clients in a bid to increase prices to about \$ 6 per thousand cubic feet — up to three times the price some countries have paid for Algerian gas until now.

In the case of France, Algeria wants the increase to be retroactive, to Jan. 1.

Algeria also announced Thursday it will cut its oil production this year by more than 15 per cent to 1 million barrels a day, Algerian Energy and Petrochemicals Minister Belkacem Nabi said Thursday.

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French F (100)	76.00	77.00	77.00
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Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	97.65
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Yemeni Riyal (100)		73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		82.00	82.25
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For political, energy talks

Oteiba plans W. German visit

BONN, April 11 (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) oil minister Mane Said Oteiba will visit West Germany next week, the West German Economic Survey said.

Oteiba will have talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and his host, Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff, during his four-day visit.

Energy questions and recent political events in the Middle East will be among topics discussed, a ministry statement said.

The ministry said bilateral economic

relations were trouble-free. West Germany wants to keep them that way, particularly in view of the uncertainty over Iran from where nearly 11 per cent of its oil came last year.

The UAE was West Germany's seventh biggest oil supplier last year with 7.6 million tons and sixth biggest in 1978 supplying 6.5 million tons.

Oteiba, chairman of the ministerial committee of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries last year, will also visit Hamburg during his stay in West Germany.

Ortiz: Unified prices to return

NEW YORK, April 11 (R) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will return to a unified pricing system sometime in the second half of this year, OPEC Secretary-General Rene Ortiz said Thursday.

Replying to questions at a luncheon, Ortiz said: "I expect an agreement on a compromise decision for a unified pricing system in the second half of this year."

He noted the gap between official prices and international prices was already narrowing. Under such conditions a single price

structure is likely, providing the consumer nations restrain their demand, he added.

Despite Ortiz' claims of growing price unification, the Nigerian government Thursday raised the price of its best graded crude oil by 51 per cent back-dated to April 1.

A source close to the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) told the News Agency of Nigeria that all corporation customers had been notified of the new price.

According to the source, the best graded crude, which is the brass blend, would now sell for \$34.72 per barrel.

Former OPEC chief urges oil price hike restraint

DOHA, Qatar, April 10 (AP) — A prominent Arab oil minister urged the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Thursday to avoid sharp hikes in prices that would increase inflationary pressures in the world and hurt the economies of the Arab world.

Sheikh Abdel Aziz Bin Khalifa Althani, Qatar's minister of Finance and Petroleum and former president of OPEC, said his country will maintain its current production rates of crude oil and avert any price increases.

"We (OPEC members) will have to resort to reason and adopt prudent decisions as far as oil prices are concerned," he told the Associated Press in an interview at his ministry office here.

"Sharp price increases could hurt the economy of the world, adversely affect the OPEC countries and the Arab world."

The Sheikh called on the OPEC countries to prepare the right atmosphere for a unified price of crude oil before going to the next price-fixing ministerial conference, scheduled for June 9 in Algiers.

After last December's OPEC meeting in Caracas, the world cartel evidently lost control of price levels, and it is now up to the exporting countries to fix their own prices without recourse to the organization.

Libya, Algeria and Iran reportedly have

been forming their own bloc within OPEC, pressing for production cuts that would keep prices high even in the face of dwindling demand.

A Kuwaiti outback from 2 million to 1.5 million barrels a day was the biggest by any individual member of OPEC.

The new Kuwaiti contracts were seen here as the forerunner of a radical switch in the pattern of international oil exporting at the expense of the major oil companies.

Sudan to receive \$65 million IDA loan

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP) — The International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced Thursday it has approved a \$ 65 million credit to Sudan for an agricultural rehabilitation program.

IDA said the program is the first of its kind ever undertaken by IDA or the World Bank in Sudan. It is designed to help increase the country's main exports of cotton and groundnuts.

Under this project, \$ 64 million in foreign exchange financing will be provided for high-priority imports, such as spare parts, equipment and fertilizers which will help to increase the productive capacity of the main irrigation schemes.



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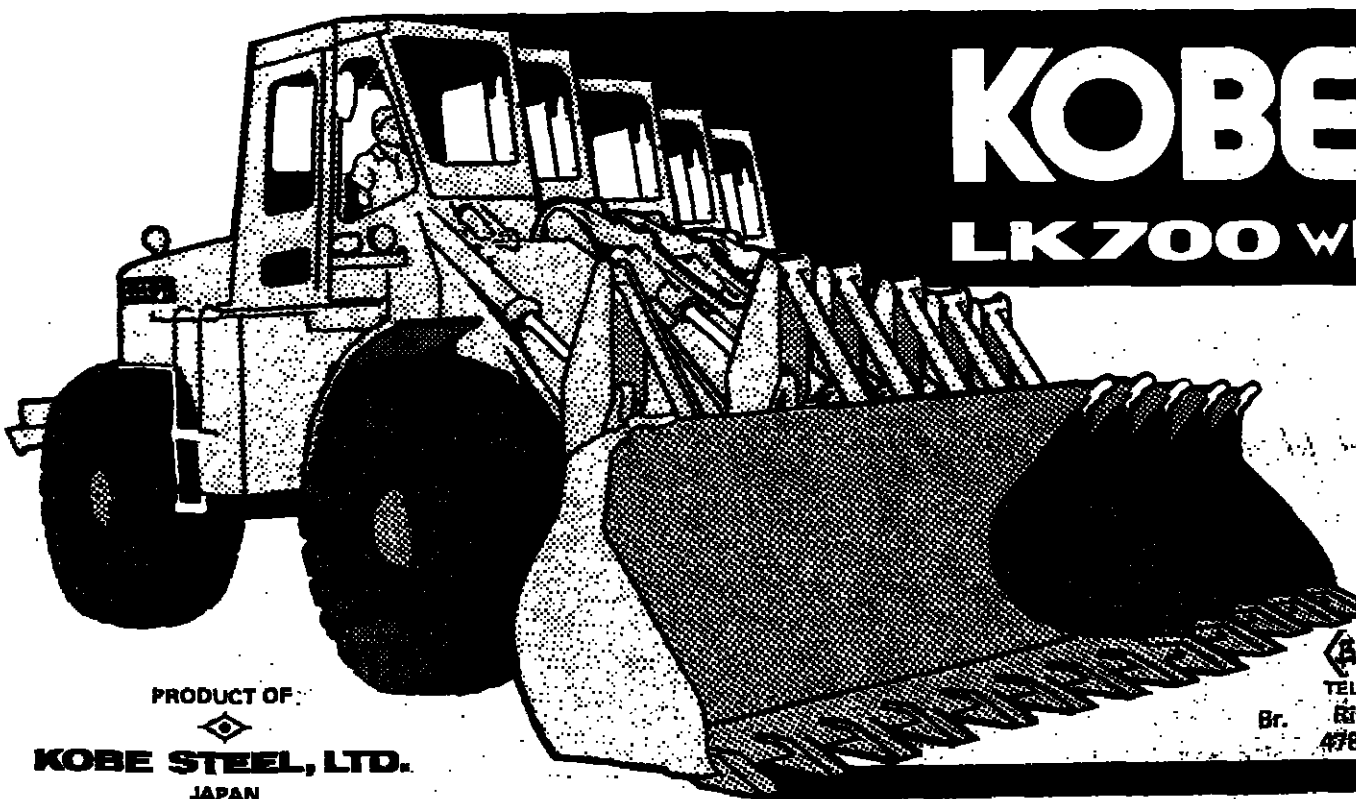
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Bush advocates strong Olympic boycott support

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, April 11 (AP) — George Bush, seeking to skewer Ronald Reagan on the Olympic boycott issue, said Wednesday President Jimmy Carter should revoke the passports of American athletes who try to compete in the Moscow Summer Olympics.

"International sports do not transcend international immorality," said Bush, who faces a crucial showdown with Reagan, the Republican front runner, in Pennsylvania's April 22 primary.

"Our athletes and the United States Olympic Committee must recognize they are not a special interest. They are first and foremost American citizens and they have an obligation to support the president," Bush said, referring to Carter's call for an American boycott of the summer games.

The former U.N. ambassador criticized Reagan for saying — in Bush's words — that he couldn't be "sympathetic to a president issuing a flat denial saying they can't go."

Said Bush: "I have been a strong critic of the president's lack of credibility in foreign affairs, especially his pattern of changing his mind following major international pronouncements. Frankly, this is precisely what Reagan is doing, and I am appalled."

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) met on Friday to decide if they will be sending a team to the Moscow Olympics in defiance of Carter's call for a boycott.

The decision will be awaited with interest

by the sporting world, which for the most part has been thrown into confusion by Carter's call last January for a boycott of the games, as retaliation for the Soviet Union's military occupation of Afghanistan.

Already this week Carter has written to the committee asking them to come out officially in favor of the boycott, without further debate.

Attending the meeting will be over 200 delegates representing every sport in the country and they will cast 2,451 votes as representatives of USOC affiliated members and independent associations and university clubs.

Committee sources do not rule out the withholding of a firm decision until nearer the deadline for acceptance of the invitations, May 24.

So in the present situation the committee is faced with three choices, support for Carter's proposition, rejection of the boycott call, or the postponement to a decision till a later date.

Since Carter's announcement of a boycott policy the people most affected, the athletes and officials, have come out firmly in favor of going to Moscow, as have most Olympic coaches.

And there is a firm body of support within the USOC which is in favor of sending a team to Moscow, but with orders to demonstrate their opposition to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Celtics triumph with basics

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP) — The Boston Celtics, back in the playoffs after a two-year absence, went back to basics in order to get off on the right foot.

"We knew we had 10 days (following the completion of the regular season), so we went back to training camp," said guard Chris Ford. "We knew we were ready when we came out of the locker room."

The Celtics, who won 11 National Basketball Association titles in 13 years and 13 championships overall, by far the most of any team in the league, beat the Houston Rockets 119-101 Wednesday night in the opener of their best-of-seven second-round series. The second game will be played in Boston Friday

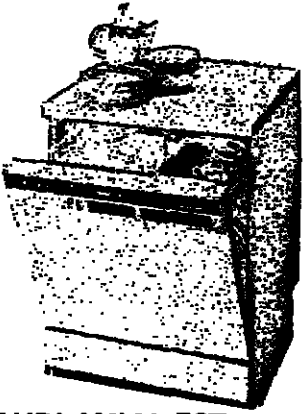
night. Ford teamed with Dave Cowens for 26 second-half points as Boston raced to a 19-point lead in the second quarter, saw Houston rally to close within one, then pulled away with 35 points in the fourth quarter.

In other playoff action Wednesday, the Philadelphia 76ers defeated Atlanta 99-92 to take a 2-0 lead over the Hawks, and in a pair of overtime games, the Milwaukee Bucks evened their series with Seattle by beating the Sonics 114-112 and the Los Angeles Lakers moved in front of Phoenix 2-0 by edging the Suns 131-128.

Cowens had four baskets and Ford one as the Celtics scored 10 straight points for a 94-78 lead with 3:14 to play, they were never in trouble after that.

Fouls also played a big part in Philadelphia's win. Sixers star Julius Erving missed most of the second half because of foul trouble, but center Darryl Dawkins picked up the slack, scoring 11 of his 22 points in the final period and dominating play.

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Hitless opener eludes Richards

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP) — On a night when he came within 2 2-3 innings of joining the likes of Bob Feller and Leon Ames in baseball's history books, uppermost in J.R. Richard's mind was not walking anyone.

Richard, the National League's strikeout king, breezed through 6 1-3 innings of perfect ball Thursday night before yielding a hit as he pitched the Houston Astros to a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Richard struck out 13 before getting relief help in the ninth from Joe Sambito, but more importantly he did not walk a batter. Including spring training, the hard-throwing right-hander has gone 21 innings without yielding a free pass.

Yankees open with tough loss

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP) — "I was looking for the strikeout and then the ground ball, in that order."

As it was, manager Dick Howser of the New York Yankees didn't get either from Rich Gossage Thursday night.

All he got was a wild pitch with the bases loaded from his reliever and a number in the loss column.

"What a way to break in," said the rookie Yankee manager after a tough 1-0,

Rudy Law ended Richard's bid for a no-hitter, grounding a single between first and second, Reggie Smith followed with a double, and the Dodgers scored their runs on a throwing error by Astros third baseman Enos Cabell and Dusty Baker's sacrifice fly.

In other NL games, St. Louis edged Pittsburgh 1-0, the New York Mets whipped the Chicago Cubs 5-2 and San Diego downed San Francisco 6-4.

Montreal is at Philadelphia Friday night for the season-opener for both teams.

Until the seventh, Richard had a shot at becoming only the third man in baseball history to begin the season with a no-hitter.

12-inning loss to the Texas Rangers in the opener for both American League Baseball teams.

In other American League action, the Baltimore Orioles whipped the Chicago White Sox 5-3; the Detroit Tigers beat the Kansas City Royals 5-1; the Milwaukee Brewers outscored the Boston Red Sox 9-5 and the Minnesota Twins stopped the Oakland A's 9-7 in 12 innings. Cleveland and California, the remaining AL teams yet to play, open Friday night in Anaheim.

In South Carolina

Steady Austin gains quarterfinals

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, April 11 (AP) — Tracy Austin of the U.S. played her usual steady game Thursday in defeating Heidi Tisterlechner of West Germany 6-1, 6-1, in the \$150,000 women's tennis tournament at Sea Pines Racquet Club.

Advancing into the quarterfinals along with the number one-seed Tracy Austin, was second-seed Eionne Goo-lagong Cawley of Australia. The Australian defeated Barbara Jordan of the U.S., 6-2, 6-0.

Number five seed Virginia Ruzici of Romania had the toughest match of the day in beating 16-year-old Bettina Bunge of the U.S., 7-6, 6-1. Bunge had the Romanian

player down 4-2 in the first set to break when a questioned line call made Ruzici's gears.

"I was angry," said Ruzici, 12th-ranked women's player in the world. "The line would not even look at it, so I started the ball harder."

Seven-seed Reina Marsikova of Czechoslovakia advanced to the final eight by defeating Duk Hec Lee of Korea, 3-6, 6-0. Fourth-seed Kathy Jordan of the U.S. took back fellow American Barbara Hall 6-1, 6-0.

The final quarterfinal slot was captured by 19-year-old Ivanna Madruga of Argentina who defeated Paula Smith of the U.S., 6-2, 6-2.

Masters led by non-Americans

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 11 (AP) — British Open champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Professional Golf Association titleholder David Graham of Australia and rookie Jeff Mitchell of the U.S. scored under par 66 Thursday and captured the first round of the 44th Masters Golf Tournament Thursday.

Graham, an Australian now living in the United States, and Ballesteros, the bright young Spaniard who has ruled European golf

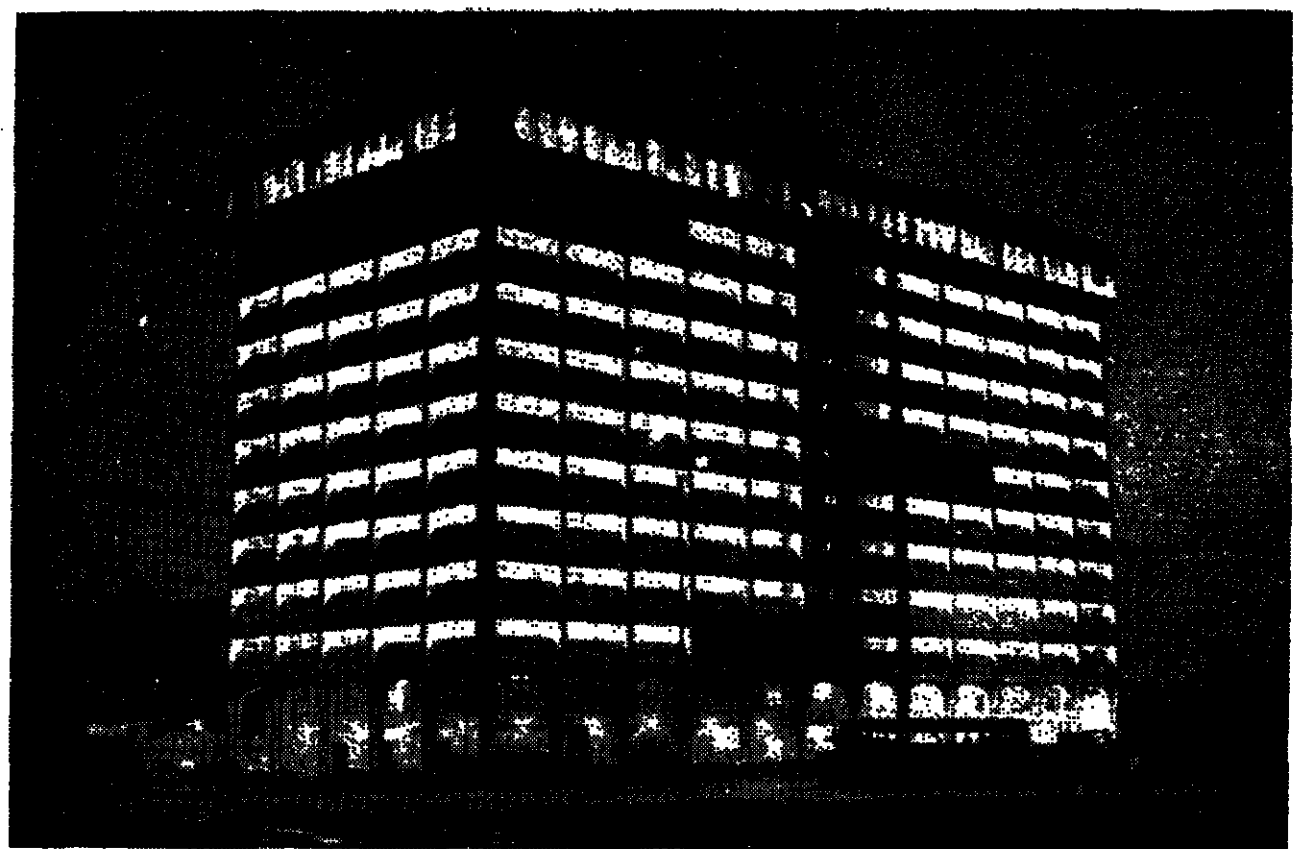
for several seasons, led a foreign dominion of the annual spring classic that saw Americans holding three of the first places.

Jack Nicklaus of the U.S., at age 36, attempting to regain the peak of supremacy he enjoyed so long, had two of his shots go green knocked down by wind that changed velocity and direction while the ball was in the air. He shot a 74 that left him strokes back.

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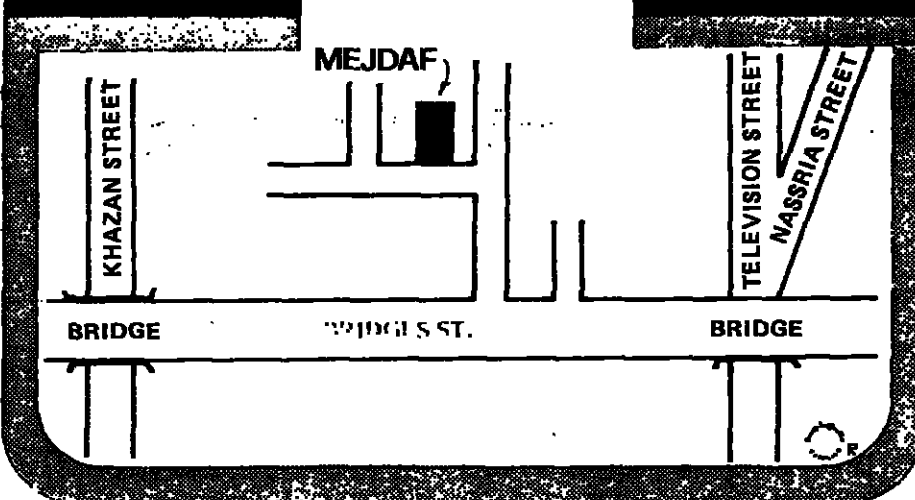
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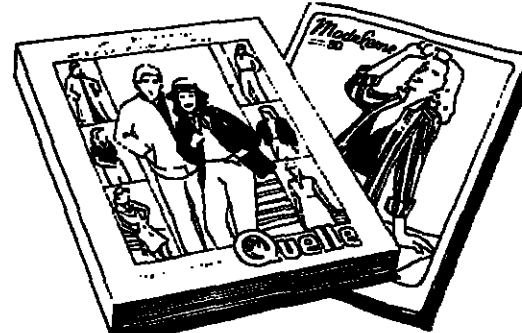
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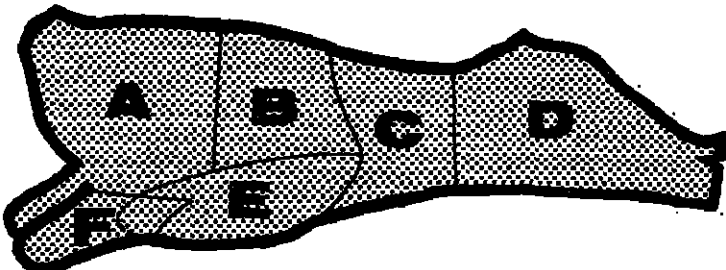
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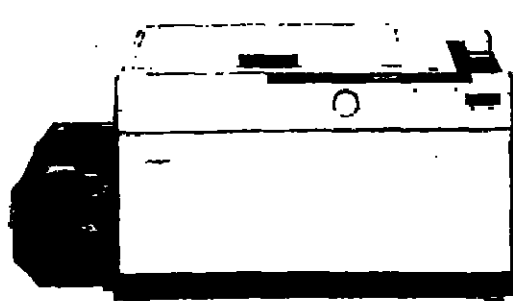
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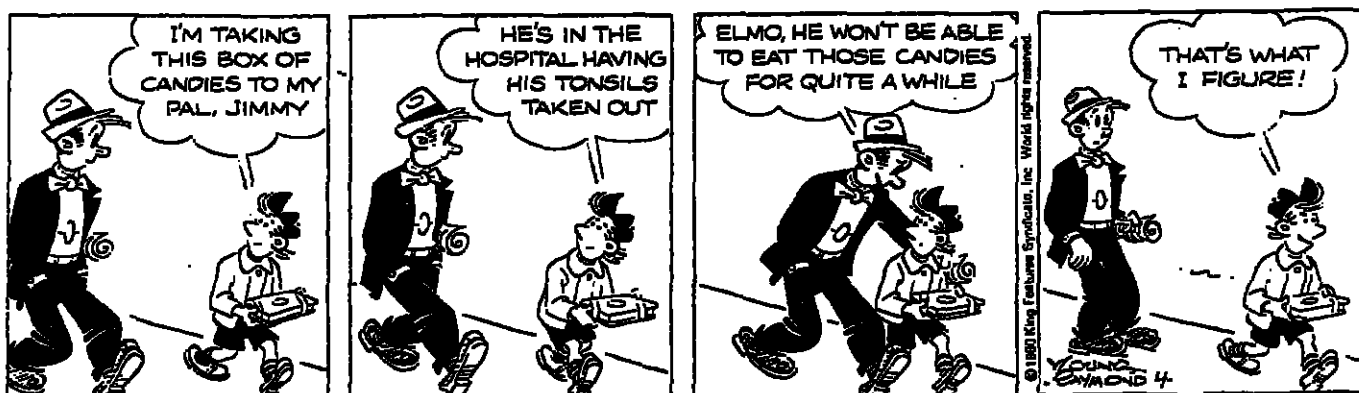
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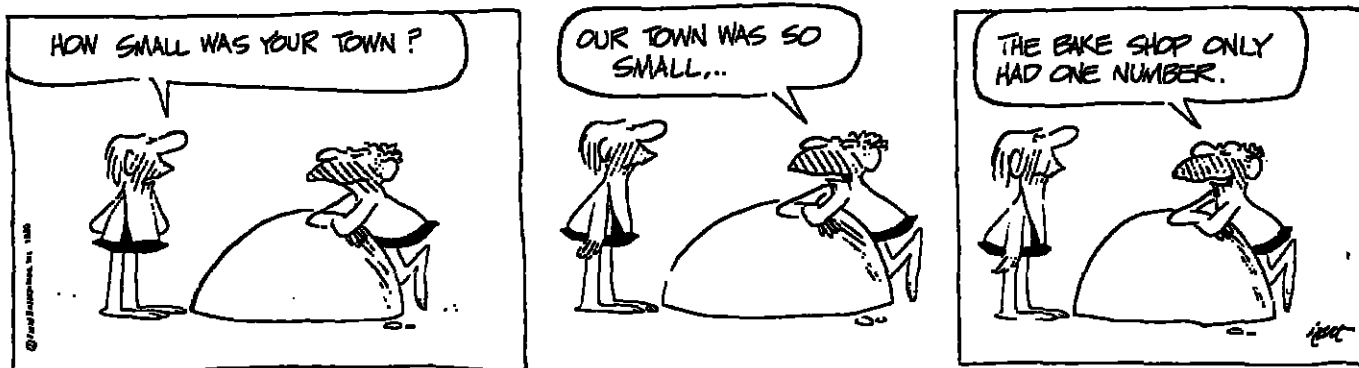
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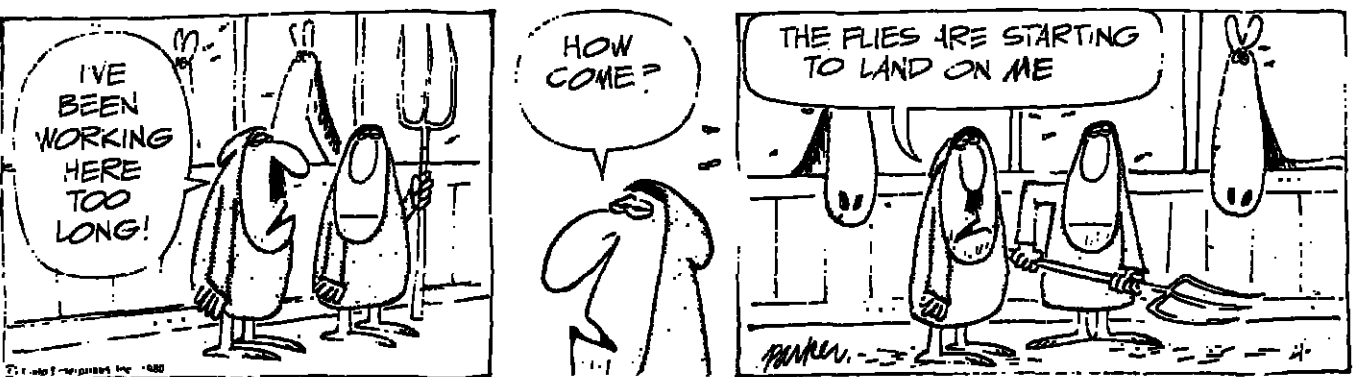
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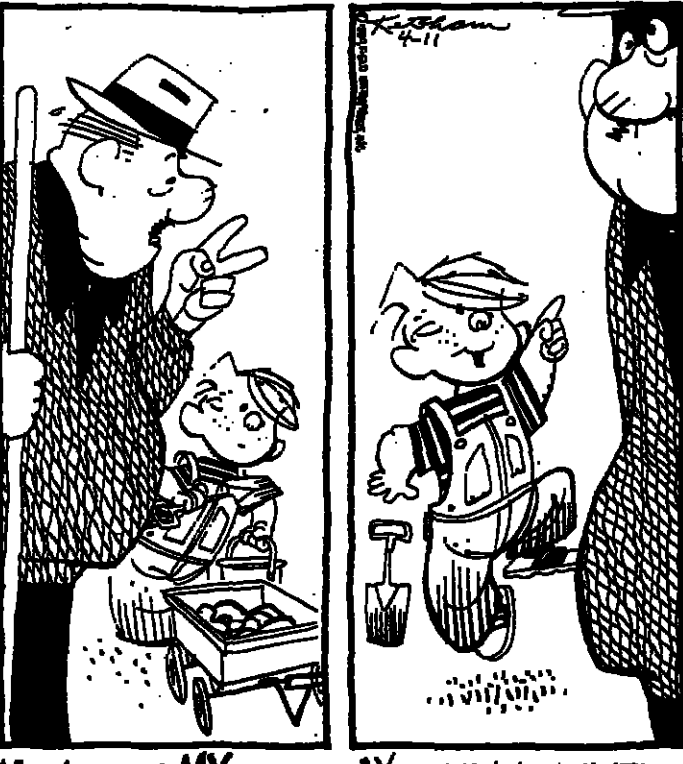
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You are South and hold the following hand:

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The bidding has gone:

North South
1♠ 1♥
2♥ 2♠

What would you bid next if North now bid:

1. Two notrump.
2. Three clubs.
3. Three hearts.
4. Four hearts.

1. Three clubs. You know by now that North started with a minimum opening bid (he raised one heart to only two hearts); that North has only three-card support (he would not shy away from hearts with four-card trump support); and that North probably has a balanced hand that includes diamond strength (judging from his two notrump bid).

There is therefore very little chance of a slam, and the only problem now is to try to find the best game contract — whether in notrump, hearts or clubs. The best way to solve that problem is to bid three clubs at this point (thus identifying your singleton diamond), and in that way ask partner to help you choose the final contract.

2. Four clubs. The chance of a slam increases greatly when North bids three clubs rather than two notrump. North almost surely has six clubs, as well as three hearts, and his

high cards may include the A-Q of clubs and ace of hearts, which would already make a slam feasible.

Alternatively, you could jump to four hearts or five clubs (over three clubs), but all too often you'd miss a sound slam contract by doing so.

3. Four hearts. You have to abandon hopes for a slam after North has shown willingness to let the bidding die at two hearts, and was then also willing to close the bidding at three hearts. True, North almost surely has four trumps, but you need much more than that to justify a slam undertaking. You could, alternatively, bid four clubs instead of four hearts, but this delicate slam try might lead to a partnership misunderstanding.

4. Four notrump. A slam in hearts is now likely and the best way to deal with the situation is to use Blackwood. If partner's response shows either two or three aces, you bid six hearts.

It might be argued that the two heart bid by North could have been based on absolutely minimum values. However, this can no longer be true after North jumps to four hearts. He obviously has four-card trump support, but, more important than that, he has more high-card power or better distribution than you might otherwise expect.

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What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

You or a loved one may be feeling under the weather and opt for a day of quiet. The p.m. favors research re financial questions.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Don't take other people's whims so seriously. After some confusion in plans, social life jells nicely. Friends have business proposals.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Others seem uninterested in your career plans, but still you'll make headway. A new job idea is progressive and worth your consideration.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

Don't expect immediate feedback re one of your ideas. Travel brings romantic introductions or interesting new acquaintances.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

You may be too proud to ask for a loan, but a family member will help out. A child may seem evasive. The p.m. brings extra energy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A no-nonsense attitude doesn't help you out in

relationships. Loosen up a bit and be willing to do something out of the ordinary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Responsibilities in connection with others may interfere with your plans. Moonlighters may meet with an unexpected job offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Friends may not want to go along with your plans for fun. Still, on your own, you'll have a good time. Do something different.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Don't let worry about money or career make you inconsiderate of others. A small domestic gathering should be quite pleasurable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Don't let someone's lack of enthusiasm get you down. A short trip brings new friends. You may receive an unexpected invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Don't let early inspirations slip away from consciousness. Money concerns may be a blessing in disguise, leading to new career plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

An ally appears to be on ego trip. Don't feel slighted. Instead, do something that will stimulate self-development.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Attended

5 Religious groups

10 Old-time oath

11 Unknown

12 Victory symbol

13 Cling

14 O'Neill play

15 Tovarich's jet

16 Brazilian tree

17 Packet's path

19 Egyptian deity

20 Color

21 Consonant

22 Famed bridge

24 Pippins in ferment

25 Give a new look

26 Evening, in San Remo

27 Japanese volcano

28 Pop singer, Manchester

31 Japanese statesman

32 Pilot's concern: abbr.

33 Neighbor of the U.S.

34 Strip of clothing



Yesterday's Answer

1 Hydrocarbon

2 Like "Mary Hartman's" hair

3 Large brainchild

4 That: Fr.

5 Start

6 Slovenly

7 Bailey's nemesis

8 Ice

9 Go astray

10 Apron part

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2:20 On Islam

2:30 A Chat and a Song

3:00 NEWS

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Music

3:20 Majesty of Islam

3:30

3:40 A selection of Music

3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission

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11:00 World News

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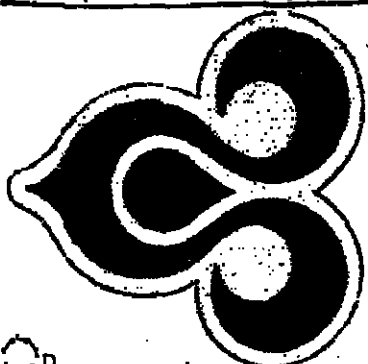
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Wants support for sanctions

Carter hits allies on Iran

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP) — Three days after announcing new sanctions against Iran, U.S. President Jimmy Carter says he's more strongly backed the moves.

The sanctions are designed to win freedom for the 53 Americans held in Tehran.

As Carter was speaking Thursday to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, foreign ministers of the nine European Common Market nations said their governments would "demand" that the hostages be freed. But they did not say whether any sanctions would be imposed if the demand goes unheeded.

U.S. administration officials, speaking privately, said Thursday they felt the Europeans would take a variety of steps, some recalling ambassadors and others imposing different kinds of restraint on trade with Iran.

But they said they expected none would go as far as the United States, which this week completely broke relations and barred all trade except in food and medicine to protest the continued captivity of the Americans.

On Thursday, Norway, which is not in the EEC, recalled its ambassador to Tehran and the U.S. State Department said West Ger-

many was withdrawing its ambassador to Tehran also.

In his speech Carter also warned Iran anew that the United States "will pursue every — and I repeat — every legitimate use of power to bring our people home."

Later Thursday, Carter's national security adviser had the same message, telling the group the United States will win freedom for the hostages by "whatever means are necessary."

Zbigniew Brzezinski also warned that if Iran and neighboring Iraq get into a war, the United States will take "appropriate measures" to protect its interests in the Gulf. He did not elaborate on what that meant.

Brzezinski said failure by Western European nations to support America runs "the risk of operational paralysis" in the NATO alliance.

CIA Director Stansfield Turner, asked at the ASNE meeting whether he thought sanctions would force Iran to release the hostages, said: "It's very difficult to find any reason that (Ayatollah) Khomeini will accede to pressure. The man has a history of not compromising. And yet, patience and negotiation

have not succeeded. We have to try other measures."

The U.S. State Department accused Iranian authorities of engaging in "cynical propaganda plays" in televising alleged confessions by two American hostages who were shown saying the U.S. embassy in Tehran was involved in spy activities.

In such circumstances, any statements the hostages make "need to be read in the context of their captivity and would appear to us to be hardly credible," department spokesman David Passage said.

The militants holding the American hostages threatened again to kill them.

On Wednesday, the militants said they would kill the hostages if the United States tries to intervene militarily in Iran. But on Thursday, a spokesman for the militants told NBC-TV, a U.S. broadcast network, that the Americans will be "destroyed" if neighboring Iraq invades Iran.

Responding to the latest threat, a top White House official who did not want to be quoted by name told reporters, "If they should kill any of our people, a border spat with Iraq would be the least of their problems."

Dull market sends gold prices up

LONDON, April 11 (AP) — Thin, erratic trading on foreign exchanges ahead of the weekend saw the dollar close mostly lower Friday against other currencies except the Japanese yen. Bullion prices closed slightly higher in dull dealing.

After soaring to a peak of around 20 per cent, U.S. prime lending rates and Eurodollar interest rates on dollar deposits in Europe have started to ease. This led to some profit taking Friday and some reappraisal by investors of where to put their money for the best return, dealers said.

The dollar has also been hit by the American decision to break diplomatic links with oil-rich Iran.

"The biggest factor contributing to the dollar coming off this week was that market operators were taking the view that U.S. market (interest) rates had topped out," said a London dealer.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	528.50
Paris	531.03
Frankfurt	534.00
Zurich	533.50
Hong Kong	534.97

Lizard spirit halts oilmen in Australia

SYDNEY, April 11 (AP) — Aborigines fearful that oil drilling will disturb the spirit of the great Goanna Lizard have halted an American exploration company in a remote part of western Australia.

Jeering, rock-throwing aborigines drove off drillers from the Amax Corp. of Greenwich, Connecticut, last week as they prepared for further exploration on Noonkanbah station, a 900,000-acre cattle ranch 1,600 kms north of Perth. In 1976, the government gave the lease to the ranch to the 200-member Yungngera tribal community because it covers most of their ancient tribal grounds.

The Goanna, a type of monitor lizard, is an important part of the tribe's diet. The aborigines believe the spirit of the lizard lives under Pea Hill, a site sacred to them that is near the drilling site.

"The Goanna spirit will be disturbed by the drilling," said Dickie Skinner, the chairman of the tribe. "If the spirit of the Goanna is disturbed, the next season will not replenish the stocks of Goannas at Noonkanbah."

The unions and the opposition Labor party in the state support the Aborigines. But many other citizens support the Conservative Liberal party government's contention that mineral exploration should continue.

Underlying the dispute are the questions of the Aborigines' land rights, their royalties from minerals discovered on their lands and the rivalry between the Liberal and Labor parties.

The Aborigines were given the lease to the Noonkanbah ranch by the federal government as part of a program to develop an economic base for Australia's original natives, who now number only 136,000 in a population of 14 million.

The government retained control of the mineral rights, as it does with all government land on leasehold in western Australia. But the Aborigines are entitled to mining royalties — through the Aboriginal lands trust — on Aboriginal reserves, which total 49.4 million acres.

Amax, which refuses to comment on the situation, acquired the exploration rights at Noonkanbah a year ago. The Aborigines claimed two acres of sacred sites were threatened, and the Aboriginal legal service took court action to halt prospecting on that land temporarily.

Then the Aborigines escalated their demands, contending that the whole of the vast ranch should be off limits to the prospectors. They also demanded compensation.

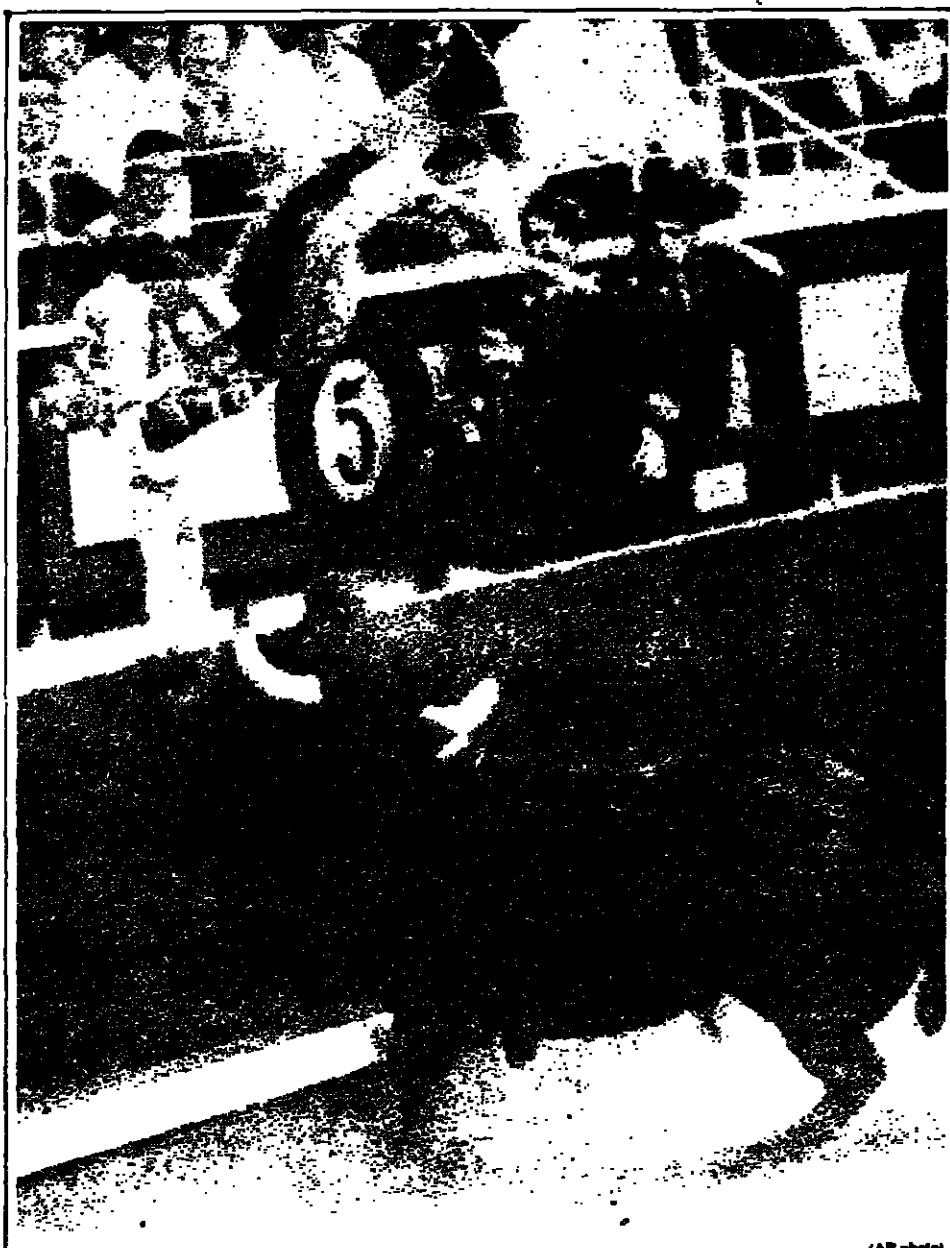
"We are prepared to give them these areas of land if they are simply going to be used for pastoral pursuits," said the state minister for cultural affairs, Bill Grayden. "But we are not going to give them, and we couldn't give them. If it meant we were handing over inalienable rights to the minerals on and below the ground."

"The Aborigines could turn round and say, 'look, no matter how short of oil you are in Australia, or some other mineral, we are not going to permit any mining on Aboriginal stations.'"

Grayden also charged the Aborigines are "being manipulated for political reasons. The present dispute has been caused by their so-called white advisers and all for political reasons."

He presumably was referring to the Labor party, which came within 600 votes of winning control of the state legislature in an election last February because it got the votes of the state's 26,000 Aborigines.

Professor Ronald Berndt, an anthropologist at the state university who has been working with Aborigines since 1939, said they would never consider selling sacred sites.



TOSSED BY BULL: Carro Claro is tossed into the spectator stands by a bull during a performance at Las Ventas arena in Madrid. The matador was treated for a thigh wound.

U.S. presses court to grant captives cash

THE HAGUE, April 11 (AP) — The United States is hoping the World Court will issue a ruling against Iran that could — in theory — put the 50 American hostages in line for some cash.

The court is debating a U.S. claim that the Iranian government must pay damages for the Iranian militants' seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran and for the holding of hostages there since Nov. 4.

The international panel of 15 judges is expected to rule on the claim in a few weeks.

In Washington on Monday, President Jimmy Carter said he would ask Congress to let Americans settle claims against Iran by drawing on \$8 billion in Iranian assets frozen in the United States. The proposed legislation would let the families of the American hostages sue for personal damages.

A source close to the American side here said a World Court decision might recognize U.S. access to the frozen Iranian assets.

During arguments at the World Court last month, Roberts Owen, U.S. State Department legal advisor, said the United States and its harmed citizens were entitled to compensation under international law. He did not specify the amount of damages the United States sought, saying that could be calculated only when the takeover ended.

In 1949, the World Court, the judicial arm of the United Nations, ordered Albania to pay 843,000 pounds to Great Britain in a dispute over the Corfu channel in the Adriatic Sea. But Albania never paid.

Even the American lawyers who argued the case last month said there was little reason to believe Iran would heed a ruling by the International Court of Justice, popularly known as the World Court. The Iranians ignored the court's interim order last December to free the hostages. The United States brought the case Nov. 29.



FOURSOME: A two-year-old goat named Fede gave birth to quadruplets recently at Schwyz, Switzerland. Here the sons of the goat's owner hold the offspring and the mother. Multiple births are getting to be a regular thing with fede. She gave birth to twins this time last year.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

A story of very questionable morality. We simply transcribe it for the reader to ponder, to shake his or her head wisely and mutter, "these be strange times..."

The story was told by a young man, a relative of someone working with us on the paper. The young man was on his way back to the States, and he stopped on the way to see his relative, so that he might unfold his tale of woe.

"I know it is too late," he said haltingly, "but I have to admit that I am something of a hothead. Now my youth will have to pay for my passion." (He had, it sounded, a definite partiality to Victorian turns of phrase.) "I was student in California, in a certain small town there, and did what I could, in addition to the pursuit of learning, for the dear cause of my homeland, Palestine."

"One day, it came to us that the local Zionist organization was going to hold a dinner party in support of its unjust cause. So we, the Arab students there, got together and decided to picket it. Let them stuff themselves with their expensive food, they will also have to know about Palestine and the Palestinians. We painted our placards, and waited for the day."

"When it came, I hastened to the meeting place. And what do you know? No Arab students, except a solitary Yemeni, with whom I immediately exchanged some colorful remarks on Zionism as well as on the less-than-heartening response of our compatriots. We then lifted up our placard and flag and started booing and rasberrying each and every arrival to the dinner, all in their expensive cars and warm clothing. We were standing in the cold rain. We were hungry and tired. They looked sleek and had obviously come from opulent homes to an opulent dinner. That did not markedly dispose us to a peaceful solution."

"Soon they got tired of us. And told the police. These came and told us to keep moving. We did so, which did not improve our tempers. Then a woman came from within holding a tray of hot drinks, motioning to us to come and get them. What humanity, we started thinking. But then, no. The Zionists were up to their old tricks. Television cameras had been placed in position. And we were to be presented to the world as recipients of Zionist charity."

"The old blood" — and here the young man stumbled badly, soon you will see why — rose. Images came to mind. Of heroes old and new. Of flags unfurling and trumpets blaring. I looked at my Yemeni friend and he looked at me. Death or Glory was the message exchanged. Up. Sons of Arabia, and at 'em."

"We did not merely refuse the hot drinks. I crossed over, right into the middle of the police and television cameras, and stood before the beaming lady. And knocked the tray clean out of her hand. She shrieked. Terrorism, she gave the surrounding fuzz to understand, was afoot. Civilization, together with the Geneva Convention were most horribly violated."

"The police did not seem to mind about civilization. What they reacted to and

quite fiercely, was the fact that a flying cup hit one of them straight in the face. He came over, and, without a word, knocked me clean over. I jumped back up went for him, and heard from afar the strange ancient war chant — handed in the Yemen mountains from father to son. I am told — of my Yemeni friend, as he swung into action."

"The police made for him with particular viciousness. Partly, this was motivated by pure malice. But mainly, it was to stop that infernal noise. We were soon subdued, and after a night in the oxler brought to court. For my Yemeni friend, it was found, this was his first offense. He was allowed to go free on condition that he never raise that hair raising rage under Californian skies. I, who had committed a similar offense before, was to be deported. I immediately launched an appeal."

"I stood no chance. I knew, and felt very sad, I was near the end of my studies. Then a friend counseled me most evilly. You get married to an American woman, he said, and they can't throw you out. It needn't be a real marriage. Just an agreement to go through with the motions until you finish your studies. Many women will feel bound to oblige, seeing how unjust the court's decision was. This, he informed, was the land of liberty."

"It was also, unfortunately, the land of my landlady, to whom I went for advice on the matter. She was older than my mother. And no beauty even in her long past prime. She was enthusiastic. But, she said, since the matter was only formal, why go round looking for young women willing to serve justice in this way. She was there. She would do it."

"Like a fool, I accepted," he said. "But the police, out of kindness, I felt, rushed out my deportation order. I was thrown out even though I was 'married.' Well, that's that. I thought, I must find a college in the Arab world to finish my course."

"But the lady appealed against the police action. She took them to court for deporting her young 'husband', thus impairing her right to what she shamelessly called 'the pursuit of happiness.' The courts decided for her. And the police got in touch with me to say I could come back. Their unholy glee at the dark fate which had befallen their old enemy came through when they added a note to the official letter: 'come and be happy.' I said."

"I had failed to find a place in any Arab college. All of them said that I would have to start all over again. But I couldn't afford to do that. There was no way out. I had to go back to California or my career would be in ruins. Back to my loving 'wife.' No doubt the police will be there to make sure my marriage was no mere formality. Thus go I —" he was using Victorian phrasing again — "in the bloom of my youth..."

There was not a dry eye in the office as he finished his tale. After a heavy silence one of us gathered himself sufficiently to go to the departing young man and embrace him. For Palestine, he said. For the good old cause...

Translated from Ashraf Al Awasat

'Anti-Revisionism' out

Peking drops street names

PEKING, April 11 (AFP) — The Communist Chinese authorities have dropped the name of Anti-Revisionism Street given in 1967 during the Cultural Revolution as a mocking gesture against the Soviet Union, which has its Peking embassy there.

The street, now named after the district where it is located in the north of the capital, is North-Center Street of the old East Gate.

Anti-Imperialism Street, a well-known thoroughfare in the old foreign legations district in central Peking, also had its pre-Cultural Revolution name restored recently and is once more Dongjiaomin Street.

The signs near the Soviet embassy bearing the name of Anti-Revisionism Street were replaced one night this week by identical signs giving the new street name, and early the next day residents altered the addresses

written in chalk or with paint-brushes on front of their houses.

The name of Anti-Revisionism Street was invented by the Red Guards in 1967 after a series of demonstrations in front of the Soviet embassy. The name was at first displayed hand-written posters before being officially adopted by the municipal authorities.

Observers said that the Chinese seemed to be anxious to get rid of embarrassing relics of the Cultural Revolution. The regime since adopted policies very similar to the denounced as "revisionist" in 1966, a condemnation which is now said by authorities to be unjustified.

Chinese denunciations of the Soviet Union at the present time are almost exclusively against its "hegemonist" and "expansionist" aims and not against Soviet internal policies, observers noted.

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